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Council To Vote Monday...

For Restaurants, Smoking Ban A Huge Issue

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

The smoking ordinance for town restaurants will be read for the third and final time at the Town Council meeting on Monday, November 15th.

It is widely held that the new ordinance will become law and will receive the necessary two-thirds vote of the 11-member council (eight) to pass. At the council's November 3rd session, the vote was 9-0 with two councilors absent.

As the final date for passage approaches, practical considerations are under greater scrutiny by restaurant owners. In some cases, tremendous costs will have to be incurred if an owner wishes to allow smoking in a bar that is part of a restaurant establishment.

Ironically, if a place is simply a bar that serves sandwiches and food as a secondary feature of the business, the new smoking ban will not apply.

The new ordinance greatly affects a bar within a restaurant dining area, however. Charles Grasso of Agawam, owner of Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills, told us, "About 75 percent of the people who come into Alexander's are smokers. I would have to build a wall the entire length of the bar. This would amount to exorbitant costs and that would have to be passed down somewhere, either in my dinner prices or out of my workers' pockets."

Will Ruin Business

Grasso says both he and his staff are upset, as well as many of his customers. "This will ruin my business if smoking is banned at my bar. It would also be an incredible financial hardship to start construction on a wall the length of my bar. How will I operate a restaurant with such a large project going on inside? And that would be a less than safe environment for everyone, too."

Grasso charged council members with behaving oppressively and are removing "my right to make an informed decision about my business. If town fathers can behave in such an oppressive way, they should find ways to offset the cost of my construction and that of other restaurant owners in Agawam."

Grasso suggested putting the issue to a referendum vote to allow citizens of the community direct input at the ballot box. "Why don't they allow us a grandfather clause and apply the ban only to new restaurants that do not already have an established following, like most of us do here in town," said Grasso.

A Three-Step Process

When called for comment, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said, "If the council votes for the smoking ban for the third and final time, a three-step process will go into effect. First, non-criminal tickets will be designed and printed; next, the city will send out notices to the restaurants; and third, we will work with the restaurant owners to help them come into compliance."

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Raising \$\$\$ Through CROPWALK



THE AGAWAM/WEST SPRINGFIELD CROPWALK for 1999 took place on Sunday, October 17th. Registration took place at 1:00 p.m. at St. David's Church, and the walk itself began at 2:00 p.m. PICTURED ABOVE: Marilyn Curry, Marilyn Loomis, and Jeannette Denoncourt were on the lookout for injured or exhausted walkers on the day of the CROPWALK. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



PARTICIPATING IN A WORTHWHILE FUNDRAISER: Evelin Hraba, Kathy Andrew, Pat Atkins, Sally Denmetty, Maddy Mangini, and Adele Mangini (in front). (See additional CROPWALK photos in this week's "Families" section.) Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Servis Appears To Be Frontrunner...

They're Off & Running For Council's Top Seat

The voting machines barely had time to cool on election night when the traditional jockeying for the next Town Council president had commenced.

Although the actual election of the new council leadership is still nearly eight weeks ago, there is little doubt in town that the importance of the next council president will be further enhanced because Mayor Christopher C. Johnson has stepped down after nearly 11 years in office and is being replaced by newcomer Richard A. Cohen as the town's chief executive officer.

With two-term Town Council President Donald M. Rheault leaving his seat on December 31st, three councilors have emerged as potential successors to Rheault.

These include two current councilors and one former Town Council president who has returned to the political scene after a two-year absence.

Incumbent Town Councilors Robert A. Magovern and Gina-Marie Letellier each acknowledged to *The Advertiser News* that they were candidates for the council presidency.

Kent Servis, the council president in 1997, also appears ready to make a bid, although he would not definitively declare himself as a candidate.

Servis Has Some Support

However, in interviews conducted by *The Advertiser News* of the 11 newly-elected councilors, three said they would vote for Servis - new Councilor Anthony C. Bonavita, new Councilor Joseph Mineo, and current Councilor Jill Simpson.

And assuming Servis would vote for himself, he has, according to our count, at least four of the six-vote majority that will be needed to be elected when the 2000-2001 council convenes in early January.

Councilors remaining uncommitted at presstime include current members George Bitzas, Robert Young, and Dennis Perry, and newcomers Richard Morassi and Robert Rossi.

Servis told us Monday he was not ruling out a run at the council leadership. He left the council following the 1997 town election after a close, but unsuccessful bid to unseat Johnson in the corner office at Town Hall.

Magovern is the council's current vice-

president and was elected to his second term last week. "I would like the honor of serving the council as its president," said Magovern. "Over the past two years we have seen great progress made on the council from days gone by and I pledge to continue this forward progress under my leadership."

Ms. Letellier, likewise, is beginning her second term. She was the top vote-getter on November 2nd. Asked if this played a role in her interest in the council presidency, Ms. Letellier responded, "Yes. I have been asked by some citizens to seek the council presidency. People do not want a 'yes' man or 'yes' woman in that spot, so I have begun making some phone calls (to other councilors)."

Offered Various Reasons

The three Servis supporters, Bonavita, Mineo, and Mrs. Simpson, each offered various reasons for backing Servis.

Bonavita stated, "I believe he is a good choice to deal with the new administration and a person who can work with it. I believe Kent is open-minded and will be a fair leader. This is not to say there are not other qualified people on this council who could do the job and my support for Kent is not a personality slight of anyone else running."

"But I have had excellent discussions with Kent and I will be voting for him," added Bonavita, who once served in the town's Law Department.

Mineo was outwardly pleased with being able to give Servis a vote. Mineo was Servis' campaign manager during the 1997 mayoral campaign and has been Servis' neighbor and close family friend for the past 12 years.

"Kent did a very respectable job two years ago when he sat as council president and I think he actually began the process of getting things done on the council. Don Rheault has done a great job over the past two years and things have been very quiet and I believe Kent is the man to continue this, especially with a new administration coming in."

Mineo was quick to point out that Servis' tenure as council president came during the height of the Berkshire Power Plant controversy which played such a pivotal role in the 1997 town elec-

tions.

"That was such a crazy period. Many, many people were so upset back then and Kent distinguished himself very well as the council's leader."

According to Mrs. Simpson, now a four-term councilor, her support for Servis is rooted in the many conversations she had with him while holding political signs on street corners or attending political functions during the election process.

"Kent is level-headed and has grown very much in the thought process over the past two years," she told us. "While Kent and I don't always agree, I will give him the benefit of the doubt."

"Kent is looking at issues and how this relates to the Town Council and to the administration. It's a long process of growing as a person and I think the mayor campaign Kent ran in 1997 has given him many positive insights," said Mrs. Simpson.

Young, now a two-term councilor, told us he probably would not make up his mind on who receives his vote until just before the council's first meeting in January.

Young also would not rule out a run at vice-president.

Bitzas, Rossi, and Morassi all declared it was much too early to name their choice.

Bitzas, a six-term member, told *The AAN*, "I was approached by Kent Servis and I am considering him. My vote will be based on who I think can maintain decorum and who can be very objective and independent."

"I think this is a very educated council and can be a very strong one. I am very impressed by the choices the people made and I hope the new council president can bring us together as a strong and positive unit," said Bitzas.

Too New To The Scene

According to Morassi (who, like Bonavita, once served in the town's Law Department), he is "way too new to the scene to be making any commitments at this time."

Morassi told us, "I am just going to listen over the coming weeks. This seems to be a good coun-

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<i>Chardonnay, White Zinfandel, Merlot</i>	\$10.99
<i>Cabernet Savignon</i>	\$12.99

Woodbridge (1.5 Liter - Glass)

<i>White Zinfandel, Savignon Blanc</i>	\$8.99
<i>Cabernet Savignon, Chardonnay Merlot</i>	\$10.99

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<i>White Zinfandel</i>	\$6.99
<i>Chardonnay, Cabernet, Merlot</i>	\$8.99

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Letters To The Editor

Principal Zabielski Praises Advanced Placement Scholars

To The Editor:

As the principal of Agawam High School, I would like to publicly congratulate this year's Advanced Placement Scholars. Your achievement is quite outstanding as you are in the top 13 percent of the more than 640,000 students who took the Advanced Placement Examinations in May of 1999.

Four students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3.0 or higher on four or more of these exams. The students are Anthony Goodrow, Jennifer Niedziela, Mario Santillo, and Erik Sunny.

Six students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3.0 or higher. The AP Scholars are Charles Denison, Brian Gilhooly, Jennifer McGuire, Brian Rondeau, Shelley Rose, and Robert Torte.

In comparison to last year, four Agawam High School students qualified as Advanced Placement Scholars. Thanks to you, this year there are 10 Agawam High School Advanced Placement Scholars.

Your commitment to academic excellence has and will lead to many opportunities for further success at the nation's colleges and universities.

Joseph S. Zabielski
Principal, Agawam High School

Council Pres. Should Want To Work With New Mayor

To The Editor:

I became concerned after reading this statement in the *Union-News* made by Gina M. Letellier, the Agawam City Council's top vote-getter, the day after our town election: "It's extremely bittersweet, I wanted to work with Donnie as mayor." My hope is that by making a statement such as this, Ms. Letellier is not implying that she will not work in unison with our new mayor, Richard Cohen.

My personal belief was with Councilor Rheault not returning to the council, Councilor Letellier would be a strong candidate for council president. When the new council is sworn in and it's time to elect the council president, I hope the councilor that is elected to this position is one that "wanted to work with Rich as mayor."

F.T. Vining
Agawam

Paro Family Thanks Agawam's Paramedics & Police Dept.

To The Editor:

To The Agawam Fire Dept. Paramedics & Agawam Police Department:

We will always be eternally grateful for the kindness you have shown my husband and our father in the past few years when he became ill.

The number of times you responded to our calls became uncountable, but you were always there. Thank you so much.

The Family of Aldege "Dace" Paro
Marian Paro
Dave & Gloria Paro
Judy & Randy Shrader

Dawson Expresses Thanks For Support During Her Campaign

To The Editor:

Thank-you to everyone who voted for me and has faith that I will be able to make a positive change for the children of Agawam. I will always place your children in the forefront of each decision I make.

My deepest thanks and love go to my band, JD, and our three children. I never could have been elected without your support and love.

Thank-you to my parents, Phil and Renee Over, for being role models for my life. You taught me what it takes to be great teachers. Your continual support has always moved me forward.

Thank-you to my brother, Dave, for always knowing where to get things at the last minute. Thanks to my brother, Phil, for lending your support.

Thank-you to my committee, Debbie Sekula,

John Maggi, and Dean Brust. Your dedication has been unwavering. Thank-you for the quick pick-me-ups, pats on the back, and encouraging words when things got tough. You are all very special to me.

Thank-you to my friends. I never could have done this alone. Thank-you for standing on corners, preparing the Pasta and Meatball Dinner, and standing in the rain at the polls.

A special thanks to Sue Lucia for those few moments of prayer in the morning. It made all the difference.

Thank-you for electing me to the School Committee. I look forward to the next two years.

Susan R. Dawson
Agawam School Committee

Bitzas Thanks Voters For Re-Election To Town Council

To The Editor:

To The Citizens Of Agawam:

I would like to thank all of the people of Agawam who went out to vote on Election Day. My special thanks to all of you who continue to support me and put your trust in me with your vote.

I pledge to you again that I will continue to do my best for Agawam, and I will try not to disappoint you. My special thanks also go to my family, my committee, and all those people who had my signs on their lawns.

Working together, we will continue the positive change for Agawam and make it a better place to live and raise our families.

Sincerely,
George Bitzas

Police Tribute To "Dace" Paro Is Appreciated By His Family

To The Editor:

To The Agawam Police Department:

We want to thank you publicly for the tremendous tribute you gave to my husband and our father at his recent funeral.

We know he was so proud to be a past officer with the Agawam Police Dept. and truly deserved the moving farewell you gave him.

We can't thank you enough.

The Family of Aldege "Dace" Paro
Marian Paro
Dave & Gloria Paro
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Some Poetic Thoughts About The Day After The Election

To The Editor:

Twas the day after election
And in each Agawam house,
"Richard Cohen's the Mayor"
Every husband told his spouse.

"I knew he would win
He's earnest; he's kind,
I know for Agawam
He'll surely speak his mind."

Then on the table
A wife put down the plate,
And looking up she agreed
"Rich Cohen will be first rate."

"He's open and honest
He's upbeat, not down,
He'll listen to issues
He'll improve our town."

"A man of principles

He's not into manipulation,
He's savvy and knowledgeable
And advocates education."

"Our town listened and reacted
The messages they heeded,
They voted into office
The man who was needed."

Hubby and wife looked at the time
Then they sat down for dinner,
Excited and delighted
That Cohen was the winner.

...and I'm delighted, too...

Judy Cohen
Agawam High School Guidance Dept.

Teresa Kozloski Appreciates Re-Election To School Comm.

To The Editor:

To The Agawam Voters:

Your vote of confidence tells me to continue to voice both the positives and negatives within our school system. Be assured that I will deal with the negatives.

My thanks to the voters for your support, and to those who let me put signs on their lawns.

Teresa Kozloski
School Committee Member

F. Hills Resident Congratulates AHS's Fall Athletic Program

To The Editor:

Congratulations to all the Agawam High School sports teams; the boys, the girls, and the coaches, this 1999 autumn season.

No matter what the final results were, as long as you played your very best and had fun!

Thank you very much to the parents, relatives, friends, and volunteers who came out to the games. Your interest and support was out of this world!

Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton
Feeding Hills

Bonavita Expresses Gratitude To His Campaign Supporters

To The Editor:

I offer my sincere thanks to the citizens of Agawam for their support in the City Council election.

My election would not have been possible without their support and the help of many people who each, in various ways, assisted me in the campaign.

I want to ensure the citizens of Agawam that I will work to the best of my ability on their behalf and that I am always open to discuss any issue or concern with them.

The next two years will be important to Agawam's future. I will work with the new council and new Mayor to achieve the goals that our citizens want and need by being a positive voice for Agawam.

Last, but not least, a thank you to my campaign committee, supporters, and to campaign chairman John O'Brien, who did a great job in coordinating my campaign.

Sincerely,
Anthony Bonavita
Agawam

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Cohen Has Average Citizen's Best Interest At Heart

To The Editor:

When I first met and talked with Richard Cohen, it was the Saturday before the election. He was attending the first "Dave's Soda and Pet Food Halloween Pet Contest" and accepted the impromptu offer to be the judge.

At that time, I would have just as soon voted for Don, as he seems like a fairly straight up guy. But frankly, I didn't know much about where either one of them stood on the issues important to me.

After speaking with Richard about some of our mutual perceptions (and problems) concerning town government, I began to like what I was hearing. Yes, he wants the town to be more responsive to the average taxpayer's needs. Yes, he will be accessible to all who want to talk directly with him about any town issue. And, yes, he will strive to reduce the residential tax and permit burden in favor of seeking a more "fair-share contribution" by our commercial tenants. Finally, I judged him by an even more basic criteria - how he shook my hand. He did it the way my dad always told me to; firmly, while looking directly into the other guy's eyes.

With Chris Johnson, I wasn't concerned with the man's party affiliation - I was concerned with the man. And, for the most part, I felt in Chris, we had the best leadership of any town or city in Western Massachusetts.

With Richard Cohen, I sense a "public serving" attitude that tells me he really does have the average citizen's best interest at heart. And with his open invitation for all residents to get involved in his administration on a volunteer basis, I'm feeling pretty good about our town's future. Congratulations, Mayor Cohen, and best wishes for a long and productive tenure.

Gary Winn
Feeding Hills

Young Looks Forward To Another Term On The Council

To The Editor:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the citizens of Agawam and Feeding Hills for their tremendous support in the City Council election on November 2nd.

I would like to thank my campaign manager, Joe Calabrese, and his family, and all of my family and friends for all of their help and support over the past several months during the campaign season.

I would especially like to thank my wife, Karla, for all of her love and support during this campaign. She really is the heart and soul of the campaign and cares deeply for the Town of Agawam. Her creativity and energy never cease to amaze

me.

I would also like to take this time to again say that I think this new City Council has the ability to make a very positive change for the future of our great city, and I am confident that we have the desire to keep Agawam moving forward. I look forward to serving you in the upcoming two years.

Sincerely,
Robert M. Young
Agawam City Council

Servis Promises To Represent The Interests Of Residents

To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the people who supported me in the race for City Council.

This year, we will see a new mayor and a substantially different council take the Oath of Office. I pledge to the people of Agawam, that I will work in a cooperative fashion with the new administration as well as my fellow councilors.

We all have much work ahead of us as we enter the new millennium, and I am confident that as elected officials, we can work together for the good of the people who chose us to represent them.

We must always be mindful of the fact that we are simply the custodians who are in charge of making government work, and the citizens are the owners of the government.

Election night was in some ways a bittersweet event, as I displaced a man on the council that I know, like, and respect. He served the town well, and is a man with an abundance of class.

Again, to the voters of Agawam, thank you! I will do my very best to represent your interests in the coming term.

Sincerely,
Kent Servis
Feeding Hills

Thank-You To All Who Helped With Don Rheault's Campaign

To The Editor:

We would like to express our thanks to all those who voted and helped with the Don Rheault mayoral campaign.

Whether you held signs, made phone calls, sent notes, whatever you did, we are extremely grateful. Your loyalty, dedication, and your friendship, both old and new, will never be forgotten.

Again, thank you, bless you all

Gina Korney, Angela Phillips
Feeding Hills

Magovern Expresses Gratitude For The Voters' Support

To The Editor:

I would like to thank the voters of Agawam for their vote of confidence last week by re-electing

me for another term on the Town Council.

Agawam has been my family's home for almost 300 years. It is a great city known as a town. My desire is to see our hometown grow even more. With your help and guidance, I will do what I think is best for Agawam.

If you ever have a question or a comment, please do not hesitate to call me at my home, 789-0171, office, 786-0244, or e-mail, neighbor12@aol.

Again, thank you for your support and I look forward to the next two years.

Bob Magovern
Agawam

Galarneau Will Continue To Work On Behalf Of Students

To The Editor:

My sincere thanks to all those who voted for me on November 2nd and to my family for their support.

I have worked hard for the best interest of our students and I am thankful that you have allowed me to continue.

I will do my best to maintain your trust.

Sincerely,
Linda Galarneau
Agawam

COUNCIL PRESIDENCY - from Page 2...

cil and I am comfortable with it and will be comfortable with working with any of the individuals who are seeking to be the president."

Morassi maintains it is incumbent for the council president to be an individual who can "keep order, make sure the discussion or debate is fair and reasonable, and who makes certain that everyone has been fairly treated and has had the opportunity to speak."

"Once the vote has been taken or the discussion is over, let's move on and deal with what is next," said Morassi.

Rossi told us he is seeking a face-to-face meeting with any candidate for council president before he offers his support. "I believe it is much too early for me. The council needs to be fair, honest, and with no private agendas. We must let people know where we stand. There should be no back-door meetings or deal-making."

"I would be looking for the new council president to conduct the council's business in a professional manner and to stand firm at all times in being objective and independent," said Rossi, a retired lieutenant of the Agawam Police Department.

Perry, a returning councilor, noted that Servis, Magovern, and Ms. Letellier are each capable of leading the council.

"I will conduct my own interviews based on five questions. I will give each of them an honest chance to get my vote," said Perry.

(Story written by Editor/Publisher Richard M. Sardella, substituting for News Editor Kathy Cassanelli [who is still recovering from illness]. Watch for the return of "On Local Politics" in coming editions.)

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Vincent Romeo

Vincent "Jimmy" Romeo, 67, of 234 Corey Street, Agawam, died recently while vacationing in the Locri Province of Reggio Calabria, Italy, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was the founder of the Vincent Romeo Painting Co. of Agawam, and had retired three years ago.

Born in the Locri Province of Reggio Calabria, Italy, he was a resident of Agawam for 32 years.

He was a member of the Italian Cultural Center and the Springfield Elks 61, a former member of the Assunta-Society Bocce Team, and a member of the Italian-American Veterans.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Lillian Minniti; two sons, Carmen and Mark, both of Agawam; a daughter, Maria Romeo of Agawam; two brothers, Rocco of Italy and Antonio of Agawam; and two sisters, Carmela Alfarone of Springfield and Rose Schirripa of Italy.

Funeral services were scheduled for Friday morning, November 12th, at the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Italian Cultural Center, 11 Accushnet Street, Springfield, MA 01105, or to the Mount Carmel School Endowment Fund, 123 Williams Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Anna T. Chmielewski

Anna T. (Fratini) Chmielewski, 78, of Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she lived in the city for most of her life before moving to Florida in 1981. She returned to Agawam in 1996.

Her husband, Walter Chmielewski, died in 1996.

She leaves a son, Michael W. of West Springfield; a daughter, Barbara A. Therrien of West Palm Beach, Florida; four brothers, Anthony and Francis, both of Springfield, Angelo of Oceanside, California, and John of Springfield, Vermont; three sisters, Julia Vernadakis of East Longmeadow, Elizabeth Gelinas of Springfield, and Mary Petrolati of Ludlow; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 2 Mount Royal Avenue, Marlboro, MA 01752.

Angelo D. DalMolin

Angelo D. DalMolin, 82, of Albert Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

He was a local builder and owned Ellis Construction Co. He also owned DalMolin Associates, formerly of Springfield, and Agawam Lumber Co.

Born and schooled in Springfield, he moved to Agawam 35 years ago.

He was a World War II Navy veteran and a communicant of St. John's Church.

He was a former member of UNICO, the Springfield Elks Club, the American International College Club, the Lumbermen's Association of New England, and the Springfield Local of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America for 66 years.

He leaves his wife, the former Marguerite Bellorini; two daughters, Ann Matlasz of Agawam and JoAnn DalMolin of Longmeadow; two brothers, Edward and Joseph, both of Agawam; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home of West Springfield and the church,

with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01761.

Katherine Rose Aldrich

Katherine Rose (Ardizoni) Aldrich, 91, of Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

She was a retired supervisor at the Strathmore Paper Company in West Springfield, where she had worked for 37 years.

Born in Agawam, she was a lifelong resident.

She was a former member of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She was a former member of the Golden Agers Club, a volunteer at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, and a member of the Rosary Altar Society of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Her husband, Clayton Aldrich, died in 1958.

She leaves a daughter, Peggy Arnold of East Longmeadow, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Edith L. Grimaldi

Edith L. (Stellato) Grimaldi, 81, of Garden Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She was a 10-year employee of the former Pioneer Plastics and retired in 1980.

Born in Italy, she lived in Feeding Hills for most of her life and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

She leaves her husband of 58 years, Leo Grimaldi; two daughters, Barbara A. Mezzetti and Peggy A. Buoniconti, both of Agawam; a brother, Anthony Stellato of Feeding Hills; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

Holly June Lefebvre

Holly June (Wright) Lefebvre, 55, of 70 Meadow Street, Agawam, died Sunday, November 7th, at home.

She was born in Springfield, but was educated in Agawam schools. She graduated from Agawam High School.

She had worked as a waitress at Memo's Restaurant in West Springfield, as a sales representative for Morris Alper Food Brokers in Suffield, as a hostess at Storowton in West Springfield, and was co-owner of The Stonemill Health Food Store of West Springfield with her husband.

She was an honored volunteer with the Leukemia Society.

She leaves her husband of 36 years, Leon Lefebvre, at home; her mother, Nellie (Matulevich) Wright; two daughters, Lisa J. (Lefebvre) Ferreira of Feeding Hills and Lynn Kelly (Lefebvre) Plasse; and four grandchildren.

The funeral services were held on Wednesday morning, November 10th, at the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam. The burial was private at the request of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to the VNA & Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01102.

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Barbara M. Barrett

Barbara M. Barrett, 89, of 88 Corey Colonial, Agawam, the first female real estate agent in Springfield, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She worked for the Henry M. Clark Real Estate Agency in Springfield and later owned and operated the concern for many years. She also was an independent agent.

She was one of the first women accepted as an associate member by the Springfield Board of Realtors.

Born in Bellows Falls, Vermont, she graduated from Springfield's High School of Commerce and completed courses at the city's former School of Business and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

She lived in Springfield until moving to Agawam 19 years ago.

She was a former president of the Women's Division of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, a former member and past president of Soroptomist International, and a director of Independence House, both in Springfield.

She was a long-time area volunteer and a past chairwoman of the New England Regional Venture Clubs of the Americas.

She leaves a sister, Ruth M. Barrett of Agawam.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning, November 12th, at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 823 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or any other charity.

Lois N. Daugherty

Lois N. (Jagger) Daugherty, 86, of 17 Duclos Drive, Feeding Hills, died on October 26th at a Westfield nursing home.

Born in Sanford, Maine, she attended Sanford High School. She also lived in Naples, Florida, and Concord, New Hampshire.

Her husband, Charles Daugherty, died in 1990, and a son, Donald, in 1993.

She leaves four sons, David of Glenburn, Maine, Dennis of Camden, Maine, and Douglas and Devin, both of Penacook, New Hampshire; a daughter, Dian Curran, with whom she lived; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral and burial were at the convenience of the family, and Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089, or Massachusetts Eye Research, 20 Staniford Street, Boston, MA 02114.

Vanouhe Assarian

Vanouhe (Terzian) Assarian, 87, of Main Street, Agawam, and formerly of the Indian Orchard section of Springfield, died recently at a city nursing home.

Born in Armenia, she moved to Indian Orchard in 1927 and to Agawam in 1988.

She was a communicant and Women's Guild member of St. Mark's Armenian Church in Springfield.

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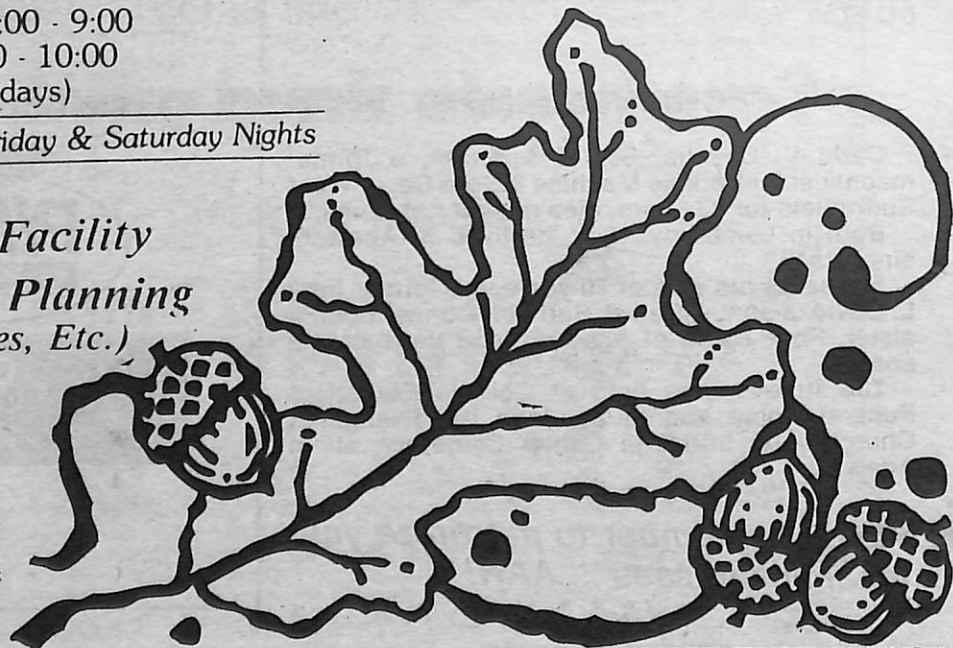
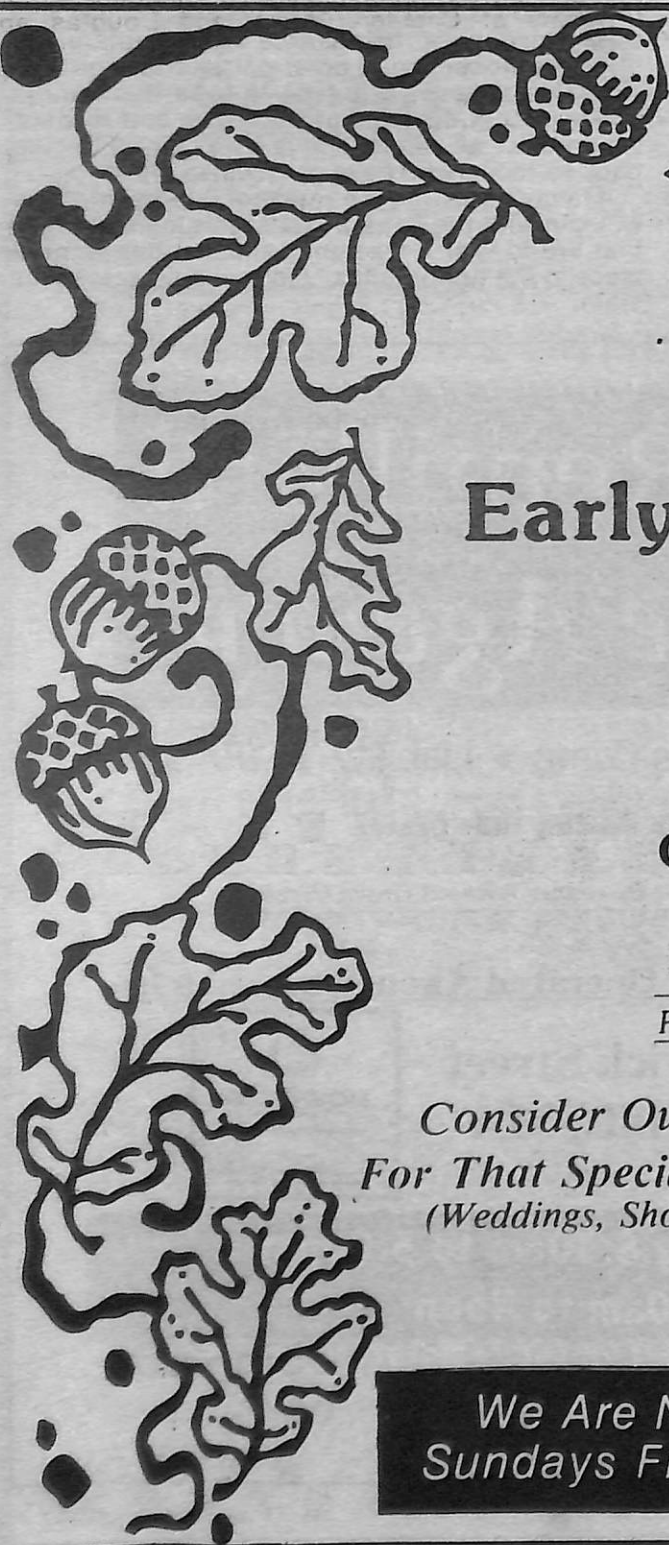
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On November 17th...

Agawam/Feeding Hills Post Offices To Conduct Bone Marrow Drive

A West Springfield resident, Domenic V. Battista, earlier this year was named by the United States Postal Service, Springfield District, to organize and run the "Deliver The Gift Of Life Campaign."

Mr. Battista has been working with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), and the HLA Registry (Human Leukocyte Antigens) registries in conducting Bone Marrow Drives throughout Western Mass. and the State of Vermont, which is the Springfield Postal Service District.

Postmaster Mark DeForge and the Agawam Post Office will be sponsoring and hosting the bone marrow drive for its employees with the public invited to attend. The community is invited to visit the Agawam Post Office or the Feeding Hills Post Office on November 17th between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to participate in a Bone Marrow Drive. You may contact the Postmaster to find out more about the Postal Service Bone Marrow Donation Program, or call Mr. Battista at 413-731-0529.

"The Postal Service wanted to give back to the community and has the opportunity to test their employees and offered to pay for the testing for the community. We hope the public will consider bone marrow donation and then to actually become part of the bone marrow bank," remarked Battista.

The primary purpose of the drives and HLA is to identify volunteers who will donate bone marrow to individuals with diseases treatable by bone

marrow transplant. Many drives have been conducted over the last year and many people have registered. One of the drives was in West Springfield, Battista's hometown, which registered over 500 people. That drive was for a town fireman who was in search of a match, and the town again responded.

Marrow is a tissue found in the large bones of the body. It produces vital blood components, such as white cells, which fight infection, red cells, which carry oxygen, and platelets, which prevent bruising and bleeding.

"With less than 50 percent of patients finding donors, our involvement is an excellent opportunity to increase the number of volunteers in the donor banks and, hopefully, save some lives. It's great to have an opportunity to be part of a program that will save a life in the future. It's also nice to give back to the communities within Western Mass.," said Battista.

On November 17th from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at both of the post offices in town, the "Friends of Katelynn," an 11 year-old West Springfield girl who fought leukemia for 10 years before losing the battle on April 7, 1997, will help, along with HLA staff and members of the Postal Service, to conduct the drives. "This is very unique. It's not that often you have a company that puts on a drive like this and invites the community to participate. I hope people take advantage of this opportunity," said Battista.

SMOKING - from Page 1...

Councilor Robert Young believes the smoking ban will pass.

"I think it's the right thing to do. The main thing is for restaurants to become smoke-free. Historically, though, our town has been weak in enforcing things like this so the proof will be in how we perform down the road."

Councilor Gina-Marie Letellier remains concerned with some of the language in the ordinance such as "person in charge" (who at the restaurant is responsible). "I think that requires clarification. It is too vague," she said.

Council Vice-President Robert Magovern admitted he was originally supportive of the restaurant owners and their patrons making a choice of smoking or non-smoking.

"But the more I analyzed it, I came to believe that when an owner takes out a license to run a public place, that is approved by the Board of Health, it does not make sense to allow substances which are carcinogenic to be there. Plus, there is the nuisance factor (of being in a smoking environment)," said Magovern.

According to Magovern, research has shown that many people who have been going to West Springfield for their meals are pleased to hear that Agawam is also going non-smoking.

"This is a controversial issue for me. I want to stand up for what is good for the public. Smoking is a carcinogen and second-hand smoke is a health hazard. But this is a democracy and the council will look at any petitions with enough signatures by law. That is what is so great about

OBITUARIES - from Page 6...

Her husband, Victor Assarian, died in 1977.

She leaves two daughters, Alice Bedrosian of Longmeadow and Elsie Zirkian of Wilbraham; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, all in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 2427 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01129.

Carlo V. Casella

Carlo V. Casella, 96, of Agawam, a former machinist for Perkins Machine & Gear Co. of West Springfield for 33 years, died recently at home.

Born in Lombardy, Italy, he lived in Agawam since 1940.

He leaves his wife of 70 years, the former Irma L. Davio, a son, Alfred P. Suffield, Connecticut; a sister, Rose Davio of Agawam; and three grandsons.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial in Center Cemetery, all in Agawam.

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from the State Senate

by State Senator Linda J. Melconian



In Support Of Granting High School Diplomas To Veterans...

Veterans' Day is a time when we honor sacrifice. America remembers all that our veterans have done for us. They left their families and their lives and went off to fight on the beaches of France, in the jungles of Korea and Southeast Asia, and in the deserts of the Persian Gulf. Many of them made the ultimate sacrifice.

It gives me great pleasure to have the rare opportunity to give something back to these courageous men and women. On October 28th, the Senate unanimously passed legislation to allow local school boards to grant high school diplomas to veterans of World War II whose studies were interrupted by wartime service. This legislation currently awaits action in the House.

Many young men, driven by patriotism and the dire menace posed by the Nazis, dropped out of high school and went overseas to protect their country. After the war many of these men, eager to start their new lives and provide for their families, did not return to the classroom and never received their high school diploma.

Over the years this has become a large regret for many veterans. I have always felt that it was a grave injustice that men who gave so much to their country were denied this fundamental part of our civic life. No veteran should feel a sense of shame or sorrow because circumstance interfered with his ability to gain his diploma.

Senate Bill 1972, "An Act to Grant High School Diplomas to World War II Veterans," would remedy this grave injustice. It gives local school committees throughout the Commonwealth the power to grant a degree to any veteran who left high school for the primary purpose of enlisting in the military during WWII and who was honorably discharged when their service was complete.

As we honor these great patriots for the last time this century, it is time to pass this simple measure that demonstrates the love and respect we have for all veterans. It is a way for us to give back to those who have given us so much.

It is my hope that the House of Representatives will join with the Senate to pass this legislation so that World War II veterans can take their rightful place in the honor rolls of high schools across the state.

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A Post-Election Sign...



COUNCILOR GEORGE BITZAS holds a sign thanking the voters who supported him in last week's town election.

Agawam Retired Employees Schedule Next Meeting For Tuesday, November 16th

The next general meeting of A.R.E. will be held on November 16th at 2:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. All retired employees of the Town of Agawam are urged to attend this meeting.

The nominating committee has worked hard and is presenting a slate of officers for election. They are Jim Coon, president; Kay Muzzy, vice president; Anita Hastings, secretary; and Chick Kistner, treasurer.

Any interested member may submit his/her name for the election on this date.

Following the election of officers, we will have two speakers. Laurel Placzek from the Town of Agawam will keep us informed regarding updates on county government. And, finally, we will have a speaker from the Prescription Drug Program of Blue Cross. This will give us a chance to air our questions and concerns and to perhaps gain a

better understanding of this expensive item in our budgets.

Don't miss this meeting. Your input in the voting process is important to the group and the speakers will have timely and useful information for you.

Dues are payable now for the year 2000 and are \$5 for singles/couples. All retired employees of the Town of Agawam are invited to attend and are encouraged to join the group and to become a part of this organization devoted to protecting and securing benefits for its members.

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Veterans Corner...

Operation Recognition

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Agawam Veterans' Agent
786-0400, Ext. 236/237

To date, we have had five applicants come forward who attended Agawam High School and left school before graduation to enter the military for service in World War II. After the first of the year, we will be working with the Agawam High School in forming a committee to plan the graduation event for Agawam veterans.

Remember, if the veteran is now deceased, a family member may apply and accept the High School diploma for their loved one. If you have any questions, please contact my office at the above telephone number.

This week, we are continuing with the publication of our Honor Roll of World War II veterans whose Home of Record is Agawam; that means they lived in Agawam at the time they entered the military and their names will be on the Honor Roll.

The last names this week begin with the letters H, I, and J.

- HABIB, MICHAEL P.
- * HACKETT, CHARLES A.
- HACKETT, GERALD F.
- HACKETT, ROBERT J.
- HALBACH, OTTO
- HALE, FREDERICK L.
- HAMBLIN, CHARLES M.
- HAMILTON, FREDERICK W., JR.
- HAPGOOD, THOMAS L.
- HARPIN, EDWARD E.
- HARRIGAN, WILLIAM C.
- HARRISON, JOSEPH H.
- HARRISON, WILLIAM J.
- HART, FRANCIS H.
- HART, JOHN J.
- HART, MICHAEL F.
- HASELTINE, ROSS E.
- HASELTINE, MARIAN M.
- HASTINGS, DAVID W.
- HASTINGS, HAROLD J.
- HASTINGS, LYMAN T.
- HAWTHORNE, CLARENCE
- HAWTHORNE, ELLSWORTH
- HAWTHORNE, GEORGE C.
- HAWTHORNE, MILTON L.
- HAYDEN, RONALD
- HAYDEN, WALLACE J.
- HAYES, JAMES J.
- HAYES, BORDEN W.
- HAYNES, RUSSELL E.
- HEALY, ROBERT J.
- HERMANSKY, EDMOND
- HEYWOOD, RALPH E.
- HODGE, EVERETT J.
- HOLMES, PAUL E.
- HOOD, EDWARD A.
- HOPKINS, JOHN
- HUMISTON, WOODROW A.
- HUMISTON, CLIFFORD B.
- HUMPHLETT, WILBERT J.
- HUTCHINSON, ALVORD C.
- HYNES, ROGER F.
- IACOVONE, CARMINO A.
- JACKSON, ALBERT M.
- JAMES, RICHARD E.
- JASMIN, CHARLES P.
- JENKS, DONALD E.
- JENKS, LEE T.
- JENKS, NORMAN E.
- JENKS, PRENTISS R., JR.
- JOHNSON, ALFRED
- JOHNSON, ARTHUR W.
- JOHNSON, ELMER H.
- JOHNSON, FRANK W.
- JOHNSON, JARL O.
- JOHNSON, RICHARD H.
- JOHNSON, ROY E.
- JOHNSON, WILBUR C.
- JONES, CLARK W.
- JONES, FRANK B.
- JONES, GORDON M.
- JONES, LEWIS J., JR.
- JORDAN, WILLIAM L.
- JORDAN, RAYMOND H.
- JOYCE, CLAYTON R.
- JOYCE, SAMUEL
- JUKE, LOUIS E.

(* Died while in service.)

Ruth C. Bitzas' "Veterans' Corner..." is a regular feature of The Agawam Advertiser News.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1999 at 6:45 P.M., for all parties interested in the petition of DECKER & COMPANY, INC., which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B-2 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the alteration of the existing facility into a convenience store/gas station at the premises identified as: 1 RIVER ROAD.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

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MASTER SERGEANT JOHN ROSE

A Member Of The Massachusetts Army National Guard...

MSG John Rose Completes 30 Years Of Service

Master Sergeant John Rose of 139 Poplar Street, Feeding Hills, has completed 30 years of service with the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

MSG Rose is currently assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 26th Infantry Brigade, located in Springfield, MA.

MSG Rose is the highest-ranking non-commissioned officer as a maintenance sergeant in the Massachusetts Army National Guard. He is responsible for the maintenance of vehicles for the 26th Infantry Brigade of Western Massachusetts, located in units from Worcester to the Berkshires.

MSG Rose has received six Army Reserve achievement awards, and in 1994, the HHC 26th Brigade won the Army award for maintenance excellence. He was presented the award in recognition of setting a high standard of maintenance for equipment under his control.

MSG Rose plans to remain in the Massachusetts Army National Guard for at least five more years.

Airman Gary LaMotte Graduates From Air Force Basic Training

Air Force Airman Gary R. LaMotte has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

LaMotte is the nephew of Mark LaMotte of 16 Old Farm Road, Agawam.

He is a 1999 graduate of Agawam High School.

"Crafts For Giving" Workshops Offered At Storowton Village

Give a gift from the heart with a personally handmade creation with a touch of the past. Storowton Village Museum presents its popular series of craft workshops, "Crafts for Giving," in the historic Meeting House, Tuesday through Friday, November 16th-19th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Register for one or all of these unique workshops where you will be guided step-by-step through a 19th-century-style craft project, which you can take home and recreate as a special gift for friends and family.

• **Tuesday, November 16th:** June Cook, noted local herbalist, will teach the steps of making personalized herbal table wreaths with candles. Using natural materials such as flowers and herbs, participants will learn the age-old meanings which instill each wreath with the message of protection and safety for the home in which it will be displayed. A \$20 fee includes instruction and materials.

• **Wednesday, November 17th:** Regional artisan Pat Byrne will guide the class through the creation of a Della Robia Table Decoration for the winter holidays. Completed table decorations can be used to adorn any table, hutch, dresser, or mantle at Yuletide celebrations or may be given as gifts. Once the basic technique is mastered, this knowledge, together with some imagination, can be used to create additional decorations of varied patterns. A \$20 fee includes instruction and basic materials.

• **Thursday, November 18th:** Join Storowton Village Director Dennis Picard, a 16-year craft instructor, and learn to create your own holiday band box. Dennis will guide the class through the techniques used to create these historic and popular Shaker-style containers. Band boxes are a welcome addition to any home and can be used as a decoration, storage for special items, or as a gift box sure to please anyone on a holiday gift list. A \$20 fee includes instruction and materials.

• **Friday, November 19th:** Pat Byrne returns to guide the class through the creation of a Colonial Williamsburg-style Della Robia Door Plaque, an over-the-door fruit plaque for the winter holidays. Completed "welcoming" plaques can be used to adorn an exterior doorway at Yuletide celebrations or given as gifts. A \$20 fee includes instruction and basic materials. Participants are encouraged to bring a half dozen whole fruits or pine cones to personalize creations.

Sign-up now for our "Crafts for Giving" workshops and surprise family and friends with a handmade piece of the past to treasure now and in the future. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Deadline for registration is November

12th. Please call the Village at (413) 787-0136 to register for one or more of these fascinating workshops.

Bazaar At Community Grange Hall

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will hold its annual bazaar on Saturday, November 20th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Grange Hall is located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills.

Members of the Grange have been busy making mittens, hats, crocheted and knitted items, ornaments, etc. There will be an attic treasure table that will feature books, puzzles, fabrics, etc.

The Grange will raffle a homemade crocheted, full-size afghan; a harvest basket of goodies; gift certificates for hair services; manicures, and other items from local merchants.

A bake sale and snack bar will also be available.

At The Springfield Turnverein...

Program On AFS Trip To China Slated For Sunday, November 21st

This past summer, Joe and Marcia Franson of Longmeadow accompanied the students on the American Intercultural Programs (AFS) Team Missions Program to Tianjin, China. Fourteen students from all over the U.S. were hosted by Chinese families and studied at the Tianjin Middle School No. 1 for the month of July. The Fransons were their leaders and advisors for the month.

On Sunday, November 21st, at 2:30 p.m., Joe and Marcia will present a program on their experiences while in China. Included in the talk will be information about the program, as well as the unique experiences with the school, the Chinese students, and residents who provided such an overwhelming welcome to the Americans by sharing their homes, their culture, and their lives.

Marcia is the retired Executive Director of the Northeast Regional Office of AFS, located in Springfield.

The program will be held at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills. Refreshments will follow.

There is no admission charge, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

On November 18th...

Two Agawam Senior Citizens To Receive Special Awards

On Thursday evening, November 18th, at Ferruccio's on Main Street in Agawam, two senior citizens of Agawam will receive awards for their years of service to the Agawam Senior Center and the community.

The Gallano Award will be given to Gladys Fraczio of Florida Drive, and the Friendship Award will go to Fern Senecal from Gramacy Apartments. Both women have given many volunteer hours to help the seniors of Agawam.

Tickets for this evening event are \$20 and are available at the Senior Center or from the board members of "Friends." Your attendance will show support for these two fine recipients, and this event is the largest fundraiser of the year for "Friends."

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The Pignatare Family Announces Birth Of First Grandchild

Jack and Carol (Pignatare) Mosher are pleased to announce the birth of their first son, Harrison James Mosher.

He was born in Caribou, Maine, on June 7th at 11:05 a.m. Harrison weighed nine pounds, nine ounces, and was 22 inches long.

His proud grandparents are Frank and Carol Pignatare of Suffield Street, Agawam, and John and Marion Mosher of Burnham, Maine.

Great-grandparents are Stella and Russell Stetson, Sr. of Feeding Hills, Rose Pignatare of Westfield, Helen Mosher of South China, Maine, and Julia Ward of Pittsfield, Maine.

On Sunday, December 5th...

"Breakfast With Santa" At Agawam Middle School

On Sunday, December 5th, Santa will be visiting the Agawam Middle School from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. to meet with all good boys and girls for a pancake and sausage breakfast. All children can bring their letters to Santa, and make sure to include your return address. Photos will be taken with Santa and the children.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring the breakfast and is happy to have it at a new location this year. Tickets will be available at the door.

A collection of non-perishable food will be taken for the Junior Women's Holiday Baskets, which helps less fortunate Agawam families have a happy holiday.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Massachusetts.

Annual Holiday Bazaar Slated At Heritage Hall

Heritage Hall Center, a member of the Genesis ElderCare network, is having its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 20th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The bazaar will take place on the Heritage Hall campus located off Cooper Street and Main Street.

Each of the four campus buildings will be selling craft items and baked goods made by Heritage Hall residents and the community.

In addition, tag sale tables and raffles will be held. Proceeds from the Bazaar will be used for special event programming for residents.

The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services, at 413-786-8000, ext. 217.

Ag. Women's Club To Meet Nov. 22nd

The Agawam Women's Club will meet Monday, November 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House, Main St., Agawam.

The program will feature the Mercy Hospital Lifeline, presented by Louise Richie. Beatrice Nowill will give the invocation and the hospitality hostess will be Barbara Wright.

Members have collected toiletries, cards, t-shirts, socks, and a beautiful lap robe made by Doris Maule for the residents of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. This project is led by Nancy Smith.

The fundraiser this year is the sale of "The Bargain Book." It has a new look. They are in sets of three coupon books; one on "Dining and Shopping", one on "Casual Dining", and one on "Family Fun." They sell for \$15 a set.

Please contact Joan Teahan, 789-0390, or Marge Greenough, 786-1473, if you would like to purchase one.

AHS's Class Of 1989 Slates 10-Year Reunion For November 26th

The Reunion Committee is busy planning the Agawam High School Class of 1989's 10-year reunion to be held Friday, November 26th at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

Tickets are \$40 per person and will include a sit-down dinner and dancing to live entertainment. Further information will be sent to class members in the mail, but you are encouraged to contact Brittany McGregor (Morin) by phone at 413-786-5604 or Dave Fazio by e-mail at dm1195aol.com.

Dave and Brittany would like to hear from you if you would like to purchase tickets, have information about contacting a long-lost classmate, or would like to volunteer for the Reunion Committee.

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Craft Fair Held At The Polish Club...



THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY of the Polish-American Club held a craft fair on Saturday, October 16th, on the club grounds in Feeding Hills. IN LEFT PHOTO: Helen Kisielewski (member of the craft fair committee), Mary LaBun (chairwoman of the Auxiliary's board and a committee member), and Lorraine LaBun (committee member). IN RIGHT PHOTO: Working the kitchen at the craft fair — Valerie Swiderski and Wanda Adamski (coordinator). Advertiser News photos by Joan Lussier.



AMONG THE VENDORS AT THE October 16th craft fair at the Polish-American Club: Christine Nowacki (left photo) and Barbara Goehlert, Karen Sliech, and Jessie Goehlert (right photo). The Women's Auxiliary of the club will use the proceeds from this event to assist needy families in town during the upcoming holiday season. Advertiser News photos by Joan Lussier.

Agawam Senior Center Announces Trip To Worcester Common Outlets

Join the Agawam Senior Center and U.S. Express for the last sidewalk sale of the century at the Worcester Common Outlets on Thursday, December 2nd.

We'll be leaving from the Senior Center (located at 68 Meadowbrook Manor) at 8:00 a.m., and returning at 4:00 p.m.

This is a great time to do your holiday shopping, as there are over 90 designer and outlet stores (all indoors) including London Fog, Carter's, Levi's,

and Ralph Lauren.

The cost is \$16, which includes the driver's gratuity and a coupon savings book.

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KAYLEEN AND DEVLIN WELCH

The Welch Family Welcomes Devlin Thomas Welch

Kayleen Elizabeth Welch proudly announces the birth of her baby brother, Devlin Thomas Welch, at 6:50 p.m. on August 2, 1999. Devlin weighed in at eight pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 21 inches long.

Kayleen and Devlin's parents are Sean and Karrie Welch.

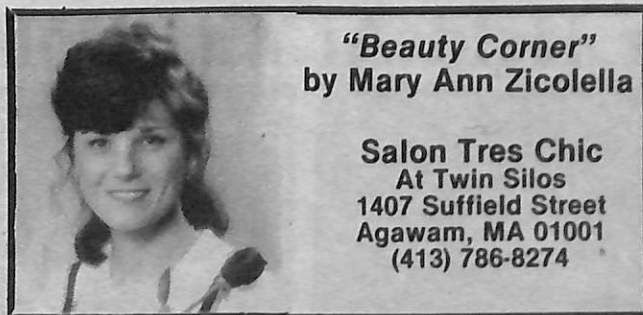
The proud maternal grandparents are Stanley and Mary Skorupski of Feeding Hills.

Paternal grandparents are Thomas Francis Welch of Warren and the late Andree Welch.

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A REMINDER: For our Thanksgiving week edition (Thursday, November 25th), the deadline for ALL articles, ads, etc., is Sunday, November 21st, at 12:00 noon.

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"Beauty Corner"
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Got A Hair, Nail Or Beauty Problem? Send Us A Note, And We Will Answer It In Our Column...

How can I stop my skin's aging process?

Answer: There are two factors associated with skin aging. *Normal aging* occurs over your lifetime and is largely determined by your genetics. This process brings along thinner skin which renews itself less often, fading of natural pigment, and reduction of blood vessels and natural oils. The collagen and elastin breaks down, elasticity is lost, and the breakdown of fat cells results in contour changes in the cheeks, neck, jaw, and eye area.

The second is *photoaging*, and is the one factor you do have total control over. Exposure to the sun in the fastest way to bring on normal aging decades before it's due.

The UV rays destroy the collagen and elastin in your delicate skin, causing deep creases and a

thick, leathery texture which would not normally be seen in the normal aging process. The UV rays are also responsible for age spots, dilated blood vessels, and about 95 percent of all skin cancers. The use of sunscreen is so important and so simple to get into the habit of doing year-round.

Most cosmetic companies are now aware of the importance of sun protection factor (SPF), which they are now adding to most of their cosmetics. Check your labels and buy cosmetics containing this protection. Under make-up moisturizers will also contain SPF, but look for the light-textured ones and nothing too heavy, as sometimes they can irritate sensitive skin.

Keeping your body hydrated from the inside out is important, so drink as much *plain* water as you can, at least eight full glasses a day. It will be easier, if you can, to have a water bottle with you at all times to sip on.

Note: SPF is the measure of a sunscreen that indicates the product's ability to block out the sun's harmful UVB rays that cause sunburn and skin cancer. Tests have shown that an SPF of 15 absorbs 93 percent of the sun's burning rays, while an SPF of 30 absorbs 97 percent.

The FDA suggests that an SPF over 30 offers little additional benefit and may expose the consumer to unnecessarily high levels of chemicals. Only zinc oxide and titanium dioxide, which are physical sunblocks (they are opaque and coat the skin), are fully able to shield skin from these rays.

A thought for a smile: a nest full of baby birds being fed by their mother.

Remember, *beauty is our business!*

Lioness Club Still Has Coverlets/Pillows

Coverlets and pillows are still for sale by the Agawam Lioness Club. The coverlet shows all the significant scenes of Agawam; Captain Leonard House, oldest House of Agawam, etc.

This is a perfect going away present for our college kids. What a perfect sentimental present to remind them of home.

How about the holidays? Another perfect gift! These coverlets come in cranberry and wedgewood blue. If you are interested, call Pat LaLancette at 786-1782.

Best local news...



November 15th Trip To FOXWOODS

This is your last chance to sign up for the Agawam Senior Games Athletes' trip to FOXWOODS on Monday, November 15th.

We will be leaving from the Agawam Senior Center at 8:00 a.m., and will leave FOXWOODS at 4:00 p.m. for the return trip home.

Call the Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242, for reservations.

To The Voters Of Agawam



Once again, I thank you for your support in my campaign for re-election to the School Committee.

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In Support Of The 1999 CROPWALK...



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB — Jim Loomis, John Negrucci, and Anthony Bonavita — manned the grill at St. David's Church in anticipation of the hungry walkers who participated in this year's Agawam/West Springfield CROPWALK. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



HELPING TO KEEP THE TRAFFIC MOVING SMOOTHLY during the October 17th CROPWALK were Agawam police officers Mark Ceccarini and Richard Conlon. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



LUKE AND MADISON KIBBE enjoyed riding in a wagon pulled by their mom, Diane, along Suffield Street during the 1999 CROPWALK on Sunday, October 17th. A portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated locally to the Parish Cupboard (formerly the Open Pantry of Agawam and West Springfield). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 15th: Pork cutlet and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, bananas.

Tuesday, November 16th: Chicken cutlet on a roll with lettuce and tomato, potato puffs, peaches.

Wednesday, November 17th: Swedish meatballs on egg noodles, peas, oat bread, tapioca pudding.

Thursday, November 18th: Sweet and sour ribs, rice Oriental, mixed vegetables, apricots.

Friday, November 19th: Roast turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, butter nut squash, cranberry sauce, muffins, pumpkin pie.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

THANK-YOU!!!

Just two simple words, but I offer them to the people of Agawam from the bottom of my heart.

Thank-you for allowing me to continue serving our community, our children, on our school committee. Your trust and confidence in me is a responsibility that I deeply appreciate and will never take for granted.

ROSEMARY SANDLIN

Happy 16th



All Our Love...

Mom, Dad, Mike,
Barb, & Dave

Church News

From Agawam Parish Association...

Gearing Up For Thanksgiving Day Dinner 1999

Let Us Give Thanks For The Good News Of The Lord

The Agawam Parish Association is planning the second Agawam Community Thanksgiving Dinner, now known as the *Kathy Manley Memorial Thanksgiving Day Dinner*.

The dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1999, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills (near Dunkin' Donuts).

At this event, the churches of the Agawam community will come together as one body in preparing and serving the meal. Volunteers will provide the work.

Who Is This Dinner For?

This Thanksgiving Dinner is for anyone in the Agawam community who wants to be with their neighbors on this special day. In coming together, we seek to share not only food but also friendship with any who would be alone or who would like to join with others on this festive occasion.

Meals will be delivered to shut-ins, on-duty firefighters, police officers, and to those with family members in area hospitals. Transportation for those who need a ride to the dinner will be provided.

How Did This Get Started?

In 1981, the West Springfield Parish Association began the tradition by serving 120 meals. By 1997, the event had grown to the point at which over 1,000 meals were served, including about 150 to Agawam residents.

Now we in Agawam wish to branch out from West Springfield's initiative and provide a similar service in our own community.

What Is The Cost?

We offer the meal without charge. We rely solely on the contributions of money, food, and volunteer help. We ask that you consider this worthy cause, and we invite you to participate in any way possible.

Please make checks payable to: Agawam Parish Association, P.O. Box 267, Agawam, MA 01001.

Donations of food may be delivered to: Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, tel. 786-5061 (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon).

Volunteers may call Art Theobald, 789-4271, or Rev. Rob Donaldson, 786-5091 (fax 786-0694).

May God's blessing be with you this Thanksgiving.



PREPARING FOR Agawam Baptist Church's "Holidays In the Park" on November 20th (from left to right): Claire Crouss (chairwoman of the event), Lillian White, and Phyllis Damon. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

"Holidays In The Park" At Agawam Baptist

Come to "Holidays In the Park" at Agawam Baptist Church, located on the corner of Main & Elm Sts., on Saturday, November 20th, where there will be many interesting booths, namely jewelry, candy, crafts, holiday decorations, holiday opportunity, food, and tag sale.

You will also have a chance to enjoy a "Picnic

Lunch in the Park" while being entertained at the piano by Randy Spaulding.

Other attractions include Santa's Elf, Willie, who will be on hand to talk with the children.

Plan to stop by between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing you and know you will be glad that you dropped in.

On Sunday, November 14th...

Special Mass At St. Anthony's Church

St. Anthony of Padua and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Churches of Agawam are at it again!

On Sunday, November 14th at 2:00 p.m., at St. Anthony's Church on the corner of Maple and Bridge Streets, there will be a special Mass for those parishioners who are walking alone through life.

For those parishioners who are alone, whether they have lost their loved one, have gone through a divorce, or are living life either singly or as a single parent, this Mass will offer special inspiration and support to you.

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Our Daily
Bread

ARE YOU READY?

Be ready, for the Son
of Man is coming at
an hour you do not
expect. —Mt. 24:44

A teacher told his class that he would be going away for several weeks, and he offered to give a prize to the student whose desk he found in the best order when he came back. But he didn't tell them what day he would return.

Because the prize was big, each child was determined to get it, including a little girl whose desk was normally quite messy. Her classmates jeered, "Mary, you'll never win. Your desk is never neat."

"Oh, I plan to clean it the first of every week from now on."

"But," someone said, "suppose he comes at the end of the week?"

"Then I'll clean it every morning."

"But," another classmate persisted,

"He may come at the end of the day."

For a moment the child was silent in thought. Then she said decidedly, "I know what I'll do. I'll just keep it clean!"

If we want to receive our Lord's approval at His return, we must always be ready. Jesus did not tell us to "get ready," but rather to "be ready" (Mt. 24:44). We are to live constantly in a state of spiritual preparedness, anticipating the moment when He will appear and ask us to give account of our stewardship.

Are you ready for His return? —Henry G. Bosch

If you could know that Jesus would appear

Before another morn should give its light,

Oh, would your heart be filled with joy or fear,

If you could know that He would come tonight? —Howard

JESUS COULD COME AT ANY TIME—
SO BE READY ALL THE TIME!

Church News - continued...

St. John's Parish News And Notes

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

Our Parish Singles Club meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome.

The next meeting will be held on November 11th at 7:00 p.m., and a "Pizza Party and Scrabble" will be featured.

Call Joann, 789-0774, or John, 786-2273.

ST. JOHN'S OVER-60 CLUB

The Club is planning to attend "A Cabaret Christmas" at the Inn at Northampton on November 18th. The cost is \$36 for lunch, the show, and bus fare.

The group will leave at 10:30 a.m. and return by 4:15 p.m. For reservations, call Barbara, 569-9830, or Lil, 786-9586.

AND ... there are also tickets available for Bay Path's musical production of "Mack and Mabel" on Thursday, November 11th, at 8:00 p.m. (\$7). Call Lorraine, 786-4149. Guests are welcome.

TUTORS NEEDED

The three-year program to assist students with academic needs has been expanded to the Junior High. Time spent is minimal; during the school hours or after-school, only one to two hours per week.

If you can help, call Mary Bennett at 786-3739, Sylvia Deliso at 786-1859, or Pat Roberts at 786-8580.

SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR—

A THREE KINGS PAGEANT AND PARTY

The Feast of the Epiphany will be January 2, 2000, and we want to make it something special. As the three kings came to revere the newborn King, so we pause to honor the Christ Child. To do this, we need interested people to plan and produce the event.

Students from the upper grades and adults will be most welcome to attend an organizational meeting on Saturday, November 13th, at 10:15 a.m., and Monday, November 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fr. Huller Room in the lower church.

If you have any questions, call Annette Reynolds at 786-8105. Your help will be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Annual Bazaar is just a month away. Raffle tickets have been sent to each family, and your support of this project is truly appreciated.

Just drop the "Raffle Return" envelope in the collection basket.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Agawam Parish Association will again be preparing and serving a Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

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The 25th Anniversary Celebration...

Bethany Assembly Of God To Stage "Singing Christmas Tree"

Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam will be presenting the 25th anniversary celebration of the "Singing Christmas Tree" during the first two weekends of December. This annual Christmas celebration draws thousands of people from the Pioneer Valley every year, and this year's spectacular silver anniversary celebration will continue in that tradition.

There will be 10 presentations of the "Singing Christmas Tree" — five presentations each during the first and second weekends of December.

The first weekend dates and times are: Friday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 4th, 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 5th, 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

The second weekend follows the same schedule: Friday, December 10th, at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 11th, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 12th, 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Two additional Sunday matinees have been added to the schedule this year in anticipation of the increased attendance.

The "Singing Christmas Tree" is a 25-foot-tall steel structure that uses singers as the ornaments. Computer-controlled lighting creates a spectacular visual sight to complement the music.

This year's musical is entitled *Adore Him*, written by Bethany Assembly's Minister of Music, Ken Bryars, arranged and orchestrated by Dave Williamson, and published by Radiant Music, a division of Lorenz Corporation. The 70-voice Bethany choir and 18-piece Bethany orchestra will be joined by Bethany's Drama Department to create a visually spectacular portrayal of the advent of the Christ.

All seats for the 25th anniversary celebration are free, with no reserved seating. There will be signing for the deaf, as well as an infant nursery for all presentations.

Bethany Assembly is located at the corner of Route 57 at Main Street in Agawam. For more information, call the church office at 789-2930.

Laymen's Sunday At First Baptist Church

The annual Laymen's Sunday will be observed this week at First Baptist Church, under the leadership of Ray Williams, Jr. His message for the service will be "Some Give All. Sometimes That's What It Takes."

Assisting Deacon Williams will be Harry Durant, who will give the cares of the fellowship. Glenn Rennell will sing a special solo.

Leading the responsive reading will be Adam Oyola, and Ray Williams, Sr. will read the scriptural text.

As usual, the worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. You are invited to attend this service.

The First Baptist Church, an American Baptist Church, is located on the corner of Main and Elm Streets.

There will be a special appreciation reception following worship in Davis Hall to honor Leslie Crouss, who is completing many years as our church sexton.

All members and friends are invited to attend this event.

Church school classes for all ages will follow the reception. Nursery care is provided throughout the morning.

On our calendar this week:

Tuesday, November 16th: 1:30 p.m., Home Bible Study (home of Dorothy Major); 6:30 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Club; 7:00 p.m., Youth Group meeting.

Wednesday, November 17th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Trading Post open.

Thursday, November 18th: 7:00 p.m., Caring Connection; 7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal; 8:00 p.m., Worship Team.

Saturday, November 20th: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., "Holidays in the Park" (fun for the whole family).

Caring Connection contacts for the month of November are Hope Paradysz (786-9657) and Sharon Hodge (562-5762).

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Preparing For Important Events...

PREPARE: 1. To make ready, usually for a specific purpose; make suitable; fit; adapt; train. 2. To make receptive. 3. To equip or furnish with necessary provisions, accessories, etc.; fit out. The dictionary lists other definitions of the word "prepare," but we get the idea. When we prepare for an event or occasion, it means we get ready.

Athletes prepare for their competitions hour after painstaking hour. Astronauts prepare for their space missions for months, sometimes years. Schoolchildren prepare for life after school for at least 12 years, and sometimes even longer! The "baby boomer" generation, after having spent years accumulating things, now focuses on preparing for their retirement years. Upon reflection, we come to realize that much of our lives is spent in preparation of some sort.

God admonishes us to prepare for the culmination of history. That may sound dramatic, but it is nonetheless true. The Bible tells us that history as we know it will be concluded when Jesus Christ returns, as He long ago promised He would do. The Bible describes Jesus' return in various ways, including the phrase "day of the Lord."

The day of the Lord, although long promised, will occur with some suddenness. People should not be surprised when Jesus returns, but they will be. In one passage, we are advised that the day of the Lord will not be good news for everybody, because not everybody will be prepared. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. For everybody, the day of the Lord will be a dramatic event.

The athletes who spend long and painstaking hours preparing for their competitions usually spend but a few minutes actually competing, in most cases. The astronauts who spend months, or perhaps years, preparing for their space trips only spend days in space. The schoolchildren who think they've spent a lifetime in school are only preparing for decades.

The length of our days is 70 years — or 80, if we have strength, for they quickly pass, and we fly

away. How much time and energy do we spend preparing for eternity? Psalm 90 says, "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Since we live in the "information age," and some of us even travel the "information super-highway," we can sometimes flatter ourselves that we know more than we really do. In one brief century, we've gone from car travel to air travel to "surfing the net." Yet for all of our increased knowledge, we don't know the answer to the questions which matter to us the most. The vast majority of us do not know just when we will step into eternity.

We don't know when eternity will dawn on us, either individually or as an entire world. However, that doesn't mean we shouldn't be prepared for that important event. Jesus told a story to illustrate this very point.

Jesus' disciples had asked Him, "What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?" Jesus replied, "It will be a man going on a journey, who called His servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability."

"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who received the five talents came and said, 'Master, you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'"

The master's response was virtually identical to both of the servants. "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

"Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' His master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.' This fellow was called worthless, and was sent away."

With this shocking parable, Jesus was, among other things, seeking to awaken each of us to the reality that history will someday be concluded. For some people, that is good news, as for those who prepared by doubling their talents. For those people who don't prepare, it will be bad news.

God's message for one and all is, "Please, prepare!" For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Chicken Supper Scheduled For Saturday, November 13th, At Valley Comm. Church

And the nominees for "Best Song" with a capon theme are:

1. "The Old Gray Chicken, She Ain't What She Used To Be."
2. "How Much Is That Chicken In The Window?"
3. "Good-bye Old Chicken, I'm Leaving Cheyenne."

Judge for yourself if the chickens are worth singing about when you come to Valley Community Church's Chicken Supper, November 13th, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

The menu includes half a baked chicken, stuff-

ing, gravy, potato, vegetable, salad, roll & butter, beverage, and homemade dessert.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12.

For reservations, call 789-2552, 786-2576, or the church at 786-2445.

Let's help the kitchen crew add a new tune to the list: "Oh Where, Oh Where Have My Little Chickens Gone?"

Valley Community Church is located at 152 S. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills, MA.

Events & Activities At Sacred Heart

MONDAY EVENING MASS - 6:00 P.M.

Beginning on Monday, November 29th, a Mass has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m. This Mass will replace the 8:00 a.m. morning Mass.

We pray that many who might not be able to attend morning Mass due to home, work, or school conflicts, might be able to participate in an early evening Mass.

May the Lord who is with us continue to draw us to Mass to hear His Word and to feast at His Table.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Beginning on Tuesday, November 23rd, we will gather once again in the Sacred Heart Church Parish Center to reflect on the Scriptures for the four Sundays in Advent.

Our gathering together will enable all to see a greater depth, broader horizon, and deeper richness to the Word of God. The sessions are Tuesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Please see Fr. Ron as soon as possible so that he can share the readings with you. This sharing together is a way to make the Sunday readings more a part of your daily life.

ALTAR SERVERS

All altar servers are asked to attend a very important session on Sunday, November 21st from 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. in church.

The session will walk you through some revised changes that affect how you will be serving during Mass. Please be present.

ADVENT WREATHS

Advent Wreaths will be on sale after all the Masses on the weekend of November 20th-21st.

The cost is \$8 for a complete set (wreath, candles, and ribbons) and just \$5 for candles and ribbons.

SENIOR CHOIR

We still need men for our Senior Choir. Four-part harmony cannot be sung without men. Please join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. for rehearsals. We are now practicing for our Christmas concert.

JUNIOR CHOIR

We are looking for more young people in grades two through eight to join our Junior Choir. Come to rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Service Slated For Nov. 21st

As a way of expressing community-wide thanks to God, churches affiliated with the Agawam Parish Association will sponsor a town-wide Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 21st, at 4:00 p.m.

To be held in the Youth Center of Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main Street, Agawam, the one-hour service will feature the clergy from most of the town churches, music and singing led by musicians from Bethany, and an interpretive dance presentation by Crossroads Christian Fellowship.

Worshippers will be asked to list several thanksgivings on index cards provided, so that they can be read as an impromptu litany of praise.

An offering will be taken to support the town-wide Thanksgiving Meal to be served on Thanksgiving Day, and donations of non-perishable foods will be given to the Parish Cupboard/Open Pantry of Agawam-West Springfield.

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News & Notes From F. Hills Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

This week is Stewardship Sunday and will also include our monthly collection for the Parish Cupboard.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "A Question of Faith." The Lector this week will be Confirmand Stacy Boisvert. The Bible reading will be 2 Kings 6:8-23.

Ushers will be Perry and Rose McCobb. Chris Kretschmar and Samantha Justilian will be our acolytes.

Sunday School students will leave at a designated time for a musical activity. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Diane Fiejdasz will be our Coffee Hour hostess.

Time is running out to make your reservations for the Ladies Benevolent Society's annual Chicken Pie Supper! This delicious dinner will be prepared on Saturday, November 13th. Meals will be served at 5:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

The menu will include chicken pie (of course!), whipped potatoes, butternut squash, green beans almondine, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls and butter, and beverage. Those who have room left

may top off their meal with a slice of homemade apple or squash pie.

Adult meals cost \$7.50; children under eight, \$3; preschool children dine for free. A mini-bazaar and bake sale will be held also.

For reservations, please call Mrs. Betty Bava, 786-0679, or Mrs. Barbara Swanson, 786-5732.

There will be a Special Meeting called by the Board of Trustees on Sunday, November 21st, immediately following morning worship. Members should receive complete details in the mail.

If you do not receive a letter, please call the church office.

The Confirmation Class will meet at the Southwick Congregational Church on November 17th at 6:30 p.m.

The deadline to submit information to the December issue of the church newsletter is Thursday, November 18th.

Friday, November 19th, will be Movie Night. This is a great opportunity to relax with your family before the upcoming holiday rush.

Plans are in the works for another Community

Thanksgiving Dinner here at the church.

If you are interested in helping the Agawam Parish Association, please call Art Theobald, 789-4271, or Carol Treganowan, 786-1912, for further details.

The Agawam Parish Association will hold its monthly breakfast meeting here on Saturday, November 20th, at 8:15 a.m.

On the calendar:

Friday, November 12th: 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, Creative Memories.

Saturday, November 13th: 5:00 and 6:15 p.m., Seatings for Chicken Pie Supper (LBS).

Sunday, November 14th: 10:00 a.m., Stewardship/Parish Cupboard Sunday; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Monday, November 15th: 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

Tuesday, November 16th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Deacons.

Wednesday, November 17th: 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Confirmation Class (Southwick); 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Cub Scout Committee.

Thursday, November 18th: Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Activities Calendar From Agawam Congregational

It is Stewardship Sunday this Sunday, November 14th, at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. The Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. will be based on Jesus' Parable of the Talents, found in Matthew 25:14-30. Dr. Bascom will preach on the topic, "He's Put Us in Charge."

During the service, members will have an opportunity to make their financial pledges for the year 2000.

Dan Pender, Christian Education/Youth Director's "Time with Children" this Sunday will be, "Saying Yes to God."

The second meeting of orientation for new members will happen at 12:00 noon in the Friendship Room, preparatory to joining on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28th. The session is led by the pastor and by various officers of the church.

Church School for seventh through 12th grade and Confirmation Classes meet at 9:00 a.m., with Crib Room through sixth grade meeting during the Worship Service.

The next Youth Event will be Friday, November 12th, for all ages to make a "Snowman Door Stop" craft for the Holly Wreath Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, November 20th. Pizza will be included at the craft night.

The Friendship Committee is sponsoring a Bingo/Pizza Party on Sunday, November 14th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Adults are \$3, and children 12 and under are \$2.

There will be prizes, prizes, and more prizes! Sign-up at the coffee hour, or call the church office at 786-7111.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

In lieu of the Adult Bible Study Group meeting during the months of November and December, there will be an Advent Series held beginning Sunday, November 28th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room. There will be light refreshments served following the session.

Questions? Contact Gerry Desroches or the church office.

Join us on the four Sundays in Advent as we journey together to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The first session will be led by Rev. Eric W. Bascom.

The Community Thanksgiving Day Service will

be held Sunday, November 21st, at 4:00 p.m. at Bethany Church in their Youth Chapel.

A Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 25th) from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

This is a **free dinner** open to anyone, families included. Meals will also be delivered to your home!

Christmas wreaths for sale! Yes, that's right, it's time to order your 12-inch, double-faced Christmas wreath with a bright red bow (priced at only \$10), and help our Youth Groups with their annual fundraiser at the same time.

Orders are being taken each Sunday through November 21st at the coffee hour following the Worship Service. Pick-up date is Sunday, November 28th, at the coffee hour held in Bryan Hall.

Rev. Eric Bascom's book, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Pulpit," is now on sale.

The \$10 book may be purchased at the church office.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Thanksgiving Dinner At Faith Bible Church

On Sunday, November 21st, the members of Faith Bible Church will be holding their third annual Thanksgiving Dinner open to the public at 4:00 p.m.

The dinner is an open invitation to anyone who would like to join us for some wonderful food and warm fellowship. Our church is located at 370 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam (next to the bus company).

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At The Longmeadow Office...

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Cheryl can be reached at 1-877-245-6956.

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and the Principal of THE PIONEER GROUP, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers and sellers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RaymondRose@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter, THE PIONEER REPORT - Online. It's filled with enjoyable and informative info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!

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**Legal
Memo**
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**Motor Vehicle Negligence
Stop-And-Go Traffic Collision - Brain Injury**

The plaintiff was involved in a motor vehicle accident on March 5, 1995. The plaintiff was wearing a seatbelt and was stopped in traffic northbound when his vehicle was struck by the defendant's vehicle. The defendant contended that he was not negligent in the accident, as the vehicle's brakes failed to work properly.

Following the accident, the plaintiff underwent shoulder surgery. He also underwent an MRI, which revealed a disc protrusion.

Two years after the accident, the plaintiff's neurologist referred the plaintiff to a psychologist for treatment of depression. At that time, the plaintiff's family observed changes in the plaintiff's behavior and memory. The plaintiff's counsel consulted with a treating neurologist and psychologist, and interviewed family and friends while investigating post-accident cognitive and behavioral changes. Witnesses testified that there were changes in the plaintiff's behavior and cognitive and behavioral changes.

The plaintiff's counsel argued that, during the accident, the plaintiff had struck the left side of his head against the driver's side window. The plaintiff's expert neuropsychologist concluded that the plaintiff had sustained cognitive impairments as a result of striking his head.

The plaintiff's case was complicated by his attendance and excellent grades in graduate school following the accident. The plaintiff had also suffered a prior closed head injury.

The case was settled for \$730,000.00

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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Consider your time horizon. With today's longer retirements, it's important to consider when you'll need your money and the portfolio mix that's right for you. Even the most aggressive investors should consider conservative investments they can easily liquidate.

On the other hand, the most averse to risk may want to include stocks and other investments with long-term growth potential for the portion of their portfolio they plan to hold long-term.

Remember, retirement is a time to enjoy what you've worked for and to explore what life has to offer.

A knowledgeable financial advisor may be able to help you identify your goals and make the most of your income. That way, you can relax and enjoy retirement on your terms.

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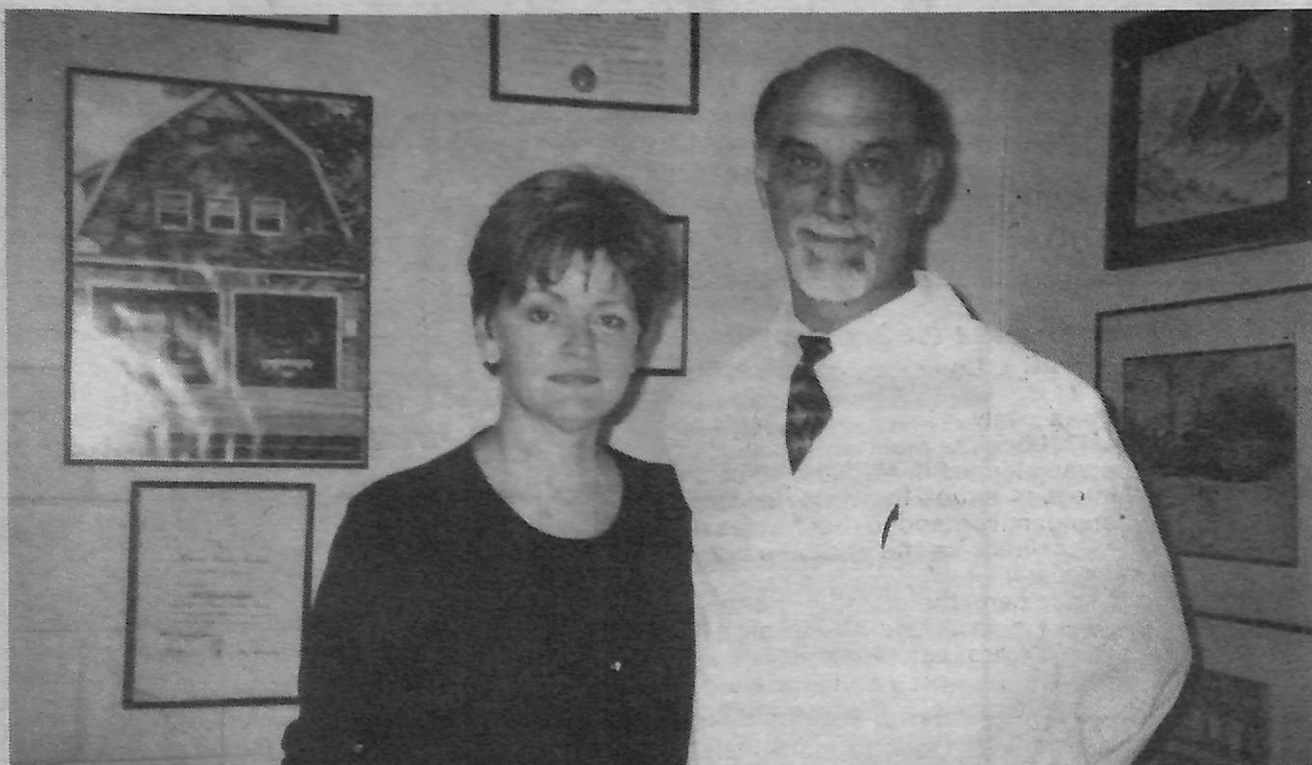
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EXERINE ("Exie") and DR. MICHAEL HAYNES at their office in the Crossroads Shoppes, Feeding Hills Center. Dr. Haynes has been a podiatrist for over 25 years. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Dr. Haynes Is "Sole" Podiatrist In Hampden County Physicians' Assoc.

by Kathy Shepard
News Editor

From sore feet to tired hearts, Dr. & Mrs. Michael Haynes can boost their visitors' moods and ease the pain in their souls - and their soles, too. Exerine Haynes has been married to Dr. Haynes for three-and-a-half years and is his office receptionist. Dr. Haynes has worked as a podiatrist for over 25 years, but about 18 months ago, he joined Hampden County Physicians' Associates, becoming that group's only foot specialist.

Dr. & Mrs. Michael Haynes have their office in the Crossroads Shoppes, Feeding Hills Center. It is relaxing and home-like, and they are very warm and comforting people. Because of the setting and the good company, some of the groundwork for healing begins with the first footsteps through the door of Dr. Michael Haynes' office.

"Exie" worked at Heritage Nursing Home before, and their paths had crossed there, but when they saw each other elsewhere in a social situation, they began to spend time together. Around the time Dr. Haynes was joining the Hampden County Physicians' Associates, Exie applied for a job as receptionist and was hired to work in her husband's office.

The two people had many things in common, including three cats - three cats each, that is. So, when they found that they were right for each other and decided to marry, they had a family of six cats. Clients began calling them "The Brady Bunch."

"Michael is the most down-to-earth kind of person, the least egotistical doctor, people will ever meet," says Exie. "He has the warmest, most appreciative way about him. He puts everyone at ease."

Being a foot doctor is more interesting than it might sound. A person who comes in with swelling ankles might think the problem is their feet, when in fact it might be a warning of congestive heart failure.

"I have had people who want surgery to 'fix their feet' so they can wear their tight, uncomfortable shoes," Dr. Haynes relates, shaking his

head somewhat. "They want to wear these pumps instead of switching to nice, comfortable walking shoes or sneakers."

"I had a 105 year-old woman tell me that she would give up her nylons and tiny pumps when she was 'in the box!'," Haynes chuckles. He is up against women's vanity and males' egos. Seven out of 10 patients seen at the Haynes office are women, and it seems that these females get more stubborn for each year they have lived, clinging to their tiny, tight-fitting shoes.

About 18 months ago, Dr. Haynes went in with the group known as Hampden County Physicians' Associates. Because he is the only podiatrist, he also shares another office in East Longmeadow, at the Heritage Park Medical Center on North Main Street.

Handles "Anything Below The Ankle"

Dr. Haynes treats a lot of geriatrics and handles "anything below the ankle." He does foot surgery, maintains feet and nails, corns, bunions, and the many conditions that are related to feet. "We do routine nail-clipping for diabetics, for instance," he explains.

Every situation is different. One 30 year-old woman showed up for her appointment, and all her toes were blue. The condition is known as vasculitis and can be secondary to lupus, but complicating matters were the tight shoes she had on, which had stopped the circulation.

A farmer came in and had been having heel pain for years. "He needed arch support with special heel cutouts. He had tried all sorts of medications, but the only cure was the proper arch support," Dr. Haynes recalls.

Dr. Haynes has been practicing for over two decades, but admits there are still cases that leave him baffled. He has a great sense of humor, pointing out to children that if they have heard of the tooth fairy, shouldn't they also expect a toenail fairy? And when people ask him if the new-wave idea of healing with magnets has merit, he'll quip, "Sure. They'll help you walk up a refrigerator!"

Benefits Of Humor To Be Discussed By Cancer Support Group

The benefits of humor will be the focus of Mercy Hospital's next Living With Cancer program, Monday, November 22nd, 7:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The monthly Living With Cancer series is co-sponsored by Mercy Hospital and the American Cancer Society, and focuses on topics of interest to cancer patients, their families, and friends.

Advance registration is not required. For more information, call Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., (413) 748-9453.

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The SPHS is a founding member of Catholic Health East, one of the nation's largest health care systems. Catholic Health East facilities serve communities in eastern states from Maine to Florida.

Support Group On How To Stop Smoking At Mercy Hospital

A support group for persons interested in quitting smoking meets Monday, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room at Mercy Hospital, 271 Carew St.

Sponsored by the Providence Hospital Tobacco Control Program, the group offers services including individual counseling, cessation groups, alternative health referrals, nicotine replacement therapy, education, and motivational support.

For more information, call the Tobacco Control program, (413) 493-2039 or (413) 535-1000.

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Dr. Sobel Offers Special Seminar On Thursday, Nov. 18th

The special seminar, "If You Aren't Laughing, You Are Probably Not Living! A Unique Seminar Designed To Reduce Terminal Seriousness, Decrease Stress, and Uplift Your Life," will be presented by nationally acclaimed speaker Dr. Steve Sobel on Thursday, November 18th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Best Western Hotel (Rt. 5) in West Springfield.

Cost is \$10 per person, with advance registration highly recommended. Call 413-565-5000 or 1-800-874-7189 for all info.

Dr. Sobel is a frequent featured speaker at conferences and events and is the author of "The Good Times Handbook - Your Guide To Positive Living And An Exciting Life."

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Raking...

Do you look forward to autumn and the beauty of the changing leaves? Do you enjoy this time of year so much that you wish it would last year-round? Then you probably do not have a yard full of trees shedding leaves by the acre.

If you find yourself spending every Saturday at the end of a rake, these are a few tips to keep your back in good health:

- **Stretch.** Yes, I've said this before, but it is important to loosen the muscles before actively using them.
 - **Keep your back straight.** This is your back's strongest position. Try to keep your spine straight. Most injuries occur during the twisting and bending motion (as when filling a bag with leaves).
 - **Use your leg muscles.** Let them do the lifting. Keep a slight bend in the knees and hips.
 - **Take frequent breaks.** Take a moment to rehydrate with a cool glass of water, and don't forget — colas and tea contribute to dehydration.
 - **Jumping in a pile of leaves is great for stress relief.** Try it! (Make sure the pile is good and high — less strain on the back!)
 - **To really decrease strain, have your children rake the leaves!**
 - **If you are sore after exertion, apply an ice pack to the area for 10 to 15 minutes each hour.** If the pain from an injury does not go away in a day or two, call our office for an appointment.
 - **To maintain spinal health, come to our office for periodic chiropractic spinal examinations.**
- Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.**

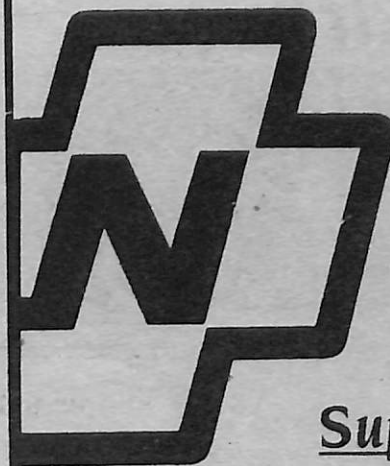
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community programs

Support Groups:

Alcoholics Anonymous: *Free of charge.*

All are welcome, Sunday evenings, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m., Conference Room A.

Bereavement Support Group: *Free of charge.*

For those who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past year. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Bronson Music Room.

Better Breathers Support Group: *Free of charge.*

Open to individuals with respiratory or pulmonary difficulties and their support persons. 2nd Wednesday of the month. 2:00 p.m., 3rd floor Cardiopulmonary Classroom. For more information, call Tom Trembley, RRT, CPFT at (413) 568-2811, ext. 5558.

Caregivers Support Group: *Free of charge.*

Open to those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. 2nd and last Wednesdays of the month. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Bronson Music Room.

Crohn's and Colitis Support Group: *Free of charge.*

Open to persons with Crohn's or Colitis and to their spouses/partners. Tuesday, November 16, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Conference Room A.

Diabetes Support Group: *Free of charge.*

Open to individuals who have diabetes and their support person. 4th Tuesday of the month. November 23, 12 noon: Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by Lifescan, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson Co., followed by "What's New in Diabetes?" at 1:00 p.m. with Karen Ranen, M.S., R.N., C.D.E., Diabetes Nurse Educator at Noble Hospital, Conference Room A. Pre-registration required, call Health Beat at (413) 568-2328 by November 16.

Stroke Support Group: *Free of charge.*

Open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Bronson Dining Room. For topic information, call Barbara Boulanger, MSW, LICSW at (413) 568-2811, ext. 5558.

Classes:

CPR Course (American Heart Association Adult, Child, & Infant Certification):

Wednesday, November 17, and Wednesday, November 24, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Education Department/Ground Floor. Must attend both sessions, \$45.00.

FREE Class and Screening:

Cosmetic and Plastic Surgery:

Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Conference Room B. Are you thinking about body contouring surgery, facial surgery, or skin care procedures? Learn more about these procedures and observe a chemical peel demonstration. Complimentary personal consultation available by Gary Russolillo, M.D. Pre-register by calling Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Free Oral Screening:

Wednesday, December 1, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Treatment Room, Ambulatory and Surgical Care Center. Oral or mouth cancer most commonly involves the tissue of the lips or tongue. An annual oral examination by a dentist or a physician should be considered for persons over the age of 40. Oral Screenings will be done on a first-come, first-served basis and take 5-7 minutes. For more information, call Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.



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At Noble Hospital****SUPPORT GROUPS**

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, November 24th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

Participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings. Call Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., 568-2811, ext. 5809.

Diabetes: Tuesday, November 30th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

For more information, call (413) 568-2811, ext. 5178.

Crohn's and Colitis Support Group: Tuesday, November 16th, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

For additional information about the Crohn's and Colitis Support Group, please call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Bereavement Group: November 17th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the first, second, and third Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this support group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past year. We invite all Hospice families and anyone in the community to participate.

For more information, please call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services at (413) 562-7049.

Caregivers' Support Group: November 24th, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the second and last Wednesdays of each month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

Call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services for more information at (413) 562-7049.

PROGRAMS/COURSES/CLINICS

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: At Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

Two clinics will be held in November with a health care professional who will evaluate athletic injuries. Based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

Please call Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center at (413) 562-3522 for dates of the free clinics and to schedule an appointment.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, November 16th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

Gary Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, November 17th and 24th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

Thanksgiving Dinner For Diabetics: Tuesday, November 23rd, beginning at 12:00 noon. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Lifescan Inc. of Johnson & Johnson Co is sponsoring this Thanksgiving dinner for individuals who have diabetes and their support persons. Seating is limited. Call Health Beat at (413) 568-2328 to pre-register by November 16th.

Following the dinner, a program, "What's New With Diabetes," will be presented by Karen Ranen, M.S., R.N., C.D.E., Noble Hospital's Diabetes Nurse Educator, at 1:00 p.m. This is free of charge.

For information about Noble Hospital's Diabetes Self-Management Education Program, call (413) 568-2811, ext. 5178.

**Fitness
Tips...**

by
Carmela Kirk, R.N.
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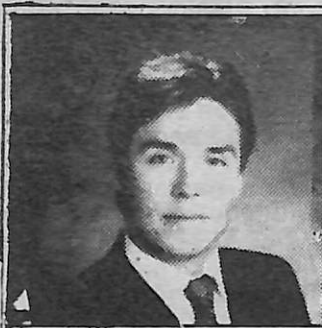
My Unexpected Reminders...

Do you ever ask yourself "why"? Why do I drag myself to the gym? Why do I work harder than I want to? Why am I so interested in what exactly I need to do to achieve my goals? Does it ever feel like you are just not getting anywhere? What difference will this one class make?

I went to my other job in the ER this weekend, to keep my technical skills at the bedside up to date, to stay current with all the nursing trends and happenings at the hospital. Yet, without asking all the above questions, they got answered.

I was reminded how sad and fragile life can be if you don't exercise early in life. I know many of us exercise to lose weight, to tone muscles, to look better and sometimes these goals are slow to come, but I'd like you to keep in mind the long-term benefits.

Each day that you exercise has this tiny little reward later in life. Just like each cheeseburger and fries you eat has a little tiny consequence later in life. Each one adds up.

**Your Back And
Your Health**

by **Dr. Joseph
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Football-Related Injuries

Football is one of the roughest, toughest sports and it attracts thousands of youngsters each fall. Unfortunately, the thrills it generates for spectators are often accompanied by injuries to the participants.

As chiropractic physicians, our interest in the game goes beyond the competition when there is an injury at the game, or the possibility that one has occurred.

An injury on the football field is very often the same type as that received in an auto crash. The

I couldn't help but wonder if Jack's hip would not have broken for the second time this year if he walked more earlier in life. Mary would not have been confined to a wheelchair with excruciating pain in both knees if she were not severely overweight. It's too late now; there is very little exercise she can do to change her situation. Her metabolism is very slow, and she will not lose the weight easily now.

I took care of three people that had heart attacks yesterday. None of them expected it. All were overweight and did not exercise. Why didn't they expect it? If they did expect it and were able to change their behavior early in life, would they? Would you? Are you?

People that exercise tend to be a little more aware of their overall health. Overall health consisting of good nutritional habits, regular exercise, emotional and psychological well-being. Diseases are prevented with very little exercise. Regular activity every day is of utmost importance.

Heart disease, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, arthritis, many cancers, the list goes on. Do you get a guarantee that you will not have a heart attack if you exercise? NO. But I can tell you that you substantially increase your chances of survival if you exercise. You increase your chances greatly to continue to live on a normal and productive life with exercise.

I rarely ask myself these questions. I'm lucky to be humbled weekly. Reminded that we are mortal and not invincible. So I continue to exercise. I've got heart disease on one side of my family, and I've got cancer on the other. I do expect it, but I plan on fighting and surviving. It starts here, at the gym, one class at a time.

body is struck or badly jarred, and the bones in the neck or back can be misplaced, or sometimes fractured.

When this occurs in an arm or leg, the fractured bone is set and nature heals the break with time.

But not so easily detected and more threatening is a misplaced or damaged vertebra in the spinal column.

If one or more of these bones is even slightly out of line, it can mean pressure on the nerves inside the spine and actual partial or complete paralysis of muscles and organs.

It can cause permanent spinal curvature later, which shows up with startling clarity on x-rays or many patients.

While football is a fine builder of character and body, no football injury should be forgotten until after a competent consultation and examination.

Football is part of an American tradition in education, and it is certainly here to stay. But there is always a price for good things and the price of football is occasional injury to the players.

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Freedom In Chains...

Last week we began talking about taking risks. What are the risks already taken, being considered, and underway? Being in a relationship with another person is risky business. So, too, can being in a relationship with your "self."

How free are you to take risks? Your circumstances can often dictate your ability to truly be free or to live under a false pretense of freedom.

For example, you plan on marrying and/or are married. Perhaps you are remarried or are in a serious relationship. Or, you may intentionally choose being single. Each context presumes freedom of choice in your relationship decision. Assuming parenting and/or grandparenting is important to you, how free do you think you are to provide care for and make decisions on behalf of your child(ren)?

Are you able to act as you would like *versus* how the way the "old tapes" would have you act? There is power in passing these "should" tapes down through the generations.

My presumption is that for many of us, true freedom of choice is not as real as you may have first perceived. I deeply respect the power of how many systems move us in directions not necessarily of our choosing. The influence of each person's family system varies in intensity and degree.

I believe human emotional (relationship) systems generationally transmit their preference for how we ought to live primarily through non-verbal and unconscious connection. This method of human emotional transmission impacts our decisions about, among other things, our "choice" of mate/partner and even how we do parenting.

I believe so many people, perhaps yourself, are in pain because you know your imprisonment.

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Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

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You know how *unfree* you are to make the decisions you most desire. You can feel the pressing down (depressing) feeling that carrying these shackles around presents.

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We often seek relief in many packages. Sometimes it comes from the contents of a bottle. Other times it comes at you from doing what the system wants you to do without regard for what you want. Many people seek dependent relationships hoping that another person will help define us for who we are and who they need us to be. Often this is comfortable. This is home.

Others of us are the strong persons who dispense such wisdom and direction. Even to the point of controlling the other person's sense of self without having to face the challenge of who we are and can become.

Granted, there is room in the middle for more "healthy" functioning. This middle area was best described to me by a seasoned relationship survivor as, "the place where I can be me and you can be you!" And I would add the concept, "together and separate."

I would describe this place, this space, as the Sacred. Where *freedom from chains* is possible! This way of living provides the opportunity to truly be aware of the previously non-verbal and unconscious. This process requires naming the unnamed and facing the conflict of how family (relationship) systems, for the most part, attempt to limit your potential from being freely lived.

Look at how you are in relationships, how you parent, and even how you "pick" your partner. How much of your system influences you and your behavior? How influential and invested is your family system in trying to keep you the same for them? What has happened when you've attempted to change the way you live that is different from their version?

Am I talking a foreign language to you? Do you have any sense of the depth and significance of this powerful family transmission stuff of which I speak? What does relationship freedom look like to you?

Please e-mail (AOL screen name: dpmft449), telephone, or write me with your feedback, relationship questions and topics, and "Let's Talk about it."

Dan Pender, MA, MFT, is a Marriage & Family Therapist with a private practice in Agawam, MA. He is a Clinical member of the American Association of Marriage & Family Therapy and can be reached by e-mail (AOL screen name: dpmft449) or P.O. Box 449, Agawam, MA 01001, (413) 789-4460.

Nov. 18th Screenings At Mercy Hospital

Mercy Hospital will conduct cholesterol and blood glucose screenings Thursday, November 18th, 8:00-10:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium on the hospital campus, 271 Carew St.

There is a \$10 donation for the cholesterol screening; a \$2 donation is requested for the blood glucose screening. Fasting for 12 hours (water is allowed) prior to testing is recommended; results will be mailed to participants.

No advance registration is required. For more information, call the Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, weekdays between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., or leave a message.

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The SPHS is a founding member of Catholic Health East, one of the nation's largest health care systems. Catholic Health East facilities serve communities in eastern states from Maine to Florida.

Cancer Support Group Meetings At Mercy Hospital In Spfld.

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

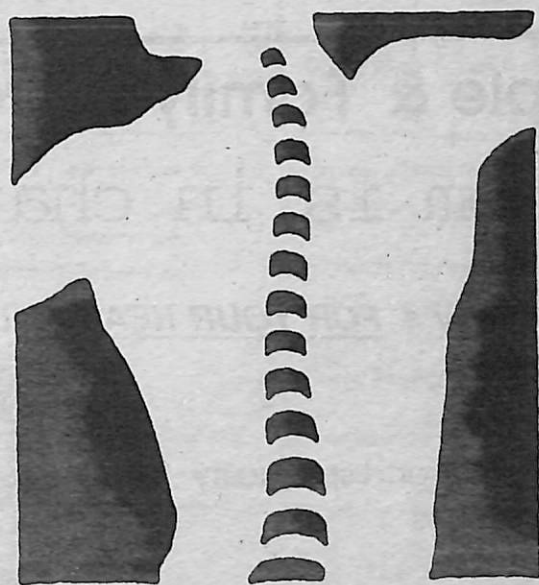
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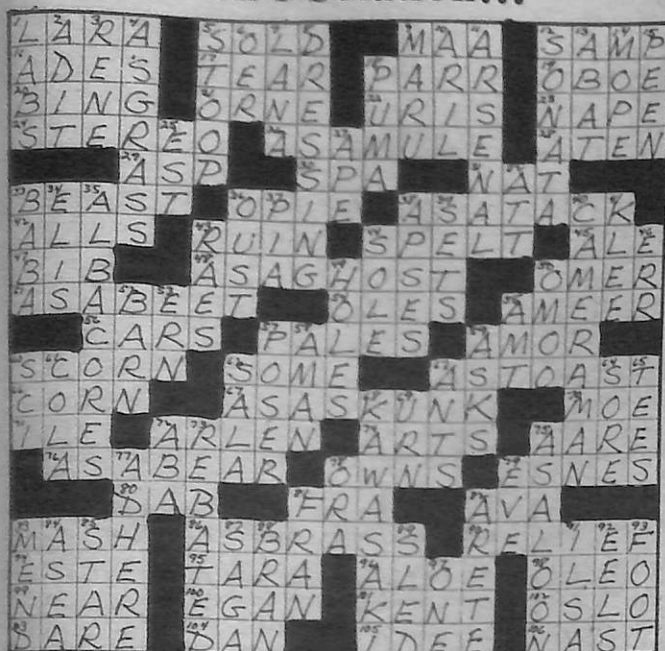
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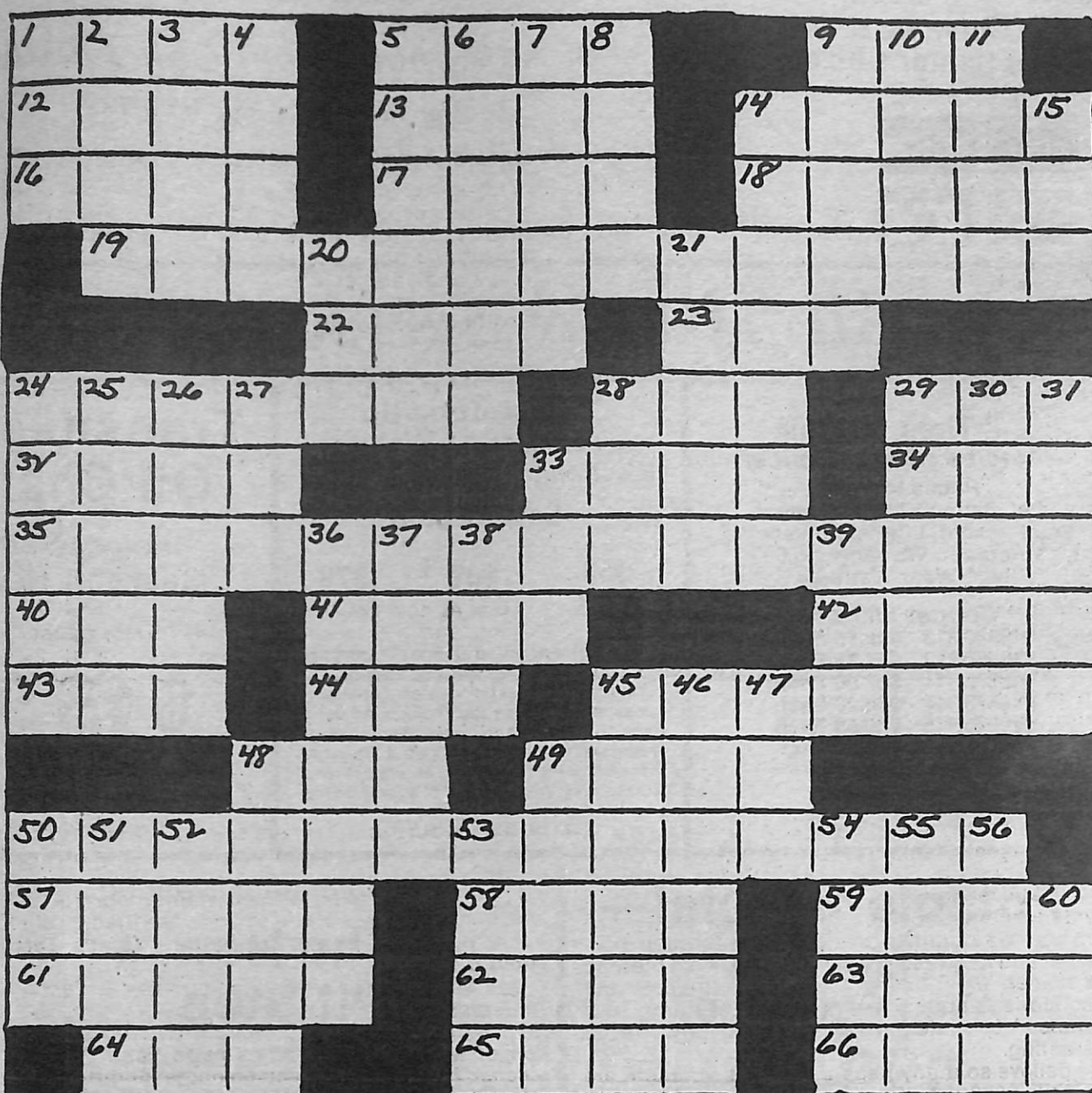
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Dick Mastroianni's "Meet The Master" is a regular feature of The AAN and is just one more reason why you turn our pages...

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SSO To Present "Illuminating Mozart" On Sat., November 20th

The brilliant, crystalline clarity of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's classical style will be contrasted against the luminous beauty of Benjamin Britten's modern style in the Springfield Symphony Orchestra's *Illuminating Mozart* classical concert on Saturday, November 20th, at 8:00 p.m. at Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield.

Under the direction of Conductor Mark Russell Smith, this program will feature the noted Brazilian pianist Sonia Rubinsky as soloist in Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20, Britten's *Les Illuminations* with tenor Jon Humphrey, and ends with Mozart's Symphony No. 36 in C major, K. 425 "Linz."

For Music Director and Conductor Mark Russell Smith, the evening's program is a win/win situation. "Mozart's music is well-received by the audience, and is good for the orchestra," said Smith. "It's important for the orchestra, stylistically."

The inclusion of the work by Britten presents an opportunity for audiences to compare the contrasts between the composers. "Britten writes well for voice and orchestra," noted Maestro Smith. "There are harmonics, elegance, and a theatrical sense, too."

As with all Springfield Symphony Orchestra's classical concerts, Maestro Smith will be presenting *Classical Conversations*, a preconcert discussion at 7:00 p.m. at Symphony Hall. This informal and informative talk gives audience members an opportunity to learn about the evening's program and ask questions in a relaxed, casual setting.

"Be an Ear Witness" to another exciting and inspired concert on Saturday, November 30th, at 8:00 p.m. in Springfield's Symphony Hall. The evening's concert is sponsored by Bulkley, Richardson and Gelinas, with additional support from the Business Fund for the Arts and from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

After the performance, the audience is invited to attend an International Coffee and Dessert reception in the Mahogany Room and lobby provided by the Sheraton-Springfield Hotel at Monarch Place.

Tickets are available from the Springfield Symphony box office, 75 Market Place, downtown Springfield, or can be charged by phone (VISA, MasterCard, Discover) by calling (413) 733-2291.

Ticket prices range from \$7 to \$37 and are half-price for youths ages four through 17. A 25-percent discount is available for groups of 10 or more.

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Education

Halloween Fun At The Kids' Place...



THE KIDS' PLACE CHILD CARE CENTER, located at 901 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, recently hosted a "Harvest Festival Halloween Adventure" for the children who attend the facility. Hay filled the Center, where children were asked to find the "hidden pumpkins," and teachers and students sang songs and played games. The Kids' Place provides educational and child care facilities and programs for infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers, and kindergartners. Other centers are located in Springfield, West Springfield, Westfield, East Longmeadow, Wilbraham, Bloomfield, Connecticut, and Holyoke Community College.



Agawam Students Take CPR Classes

Teen CPR classes were recently held at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. These classes were designed specifically for the adolescent/teen.

These teens learned about heart disease, stroke, foreign body obstruction, the 911 silent call process, injury prevention, and emergency situations. They also participated in a fire crawl, looked through night vision goggles, sat in an ambulance, and learned about the emergency equipment.

"Learning CPR is a crucial link in the chain of survival," stated Cheryl Sabola, CPR Coordinator at Baystate Medical Center. "My congratulations go to Agawam Junior High students **Eric Porth**, **Alex Alvanos**, **Jeffrey Sabola**, and **Phillip Prouty**, and Agawam Middle School students **Michael Uzar** and **Matthew Sabola**, for their successful completion of this six-hour 'Heartsaver' CPR course."

These teen classes will be offered again at Baystate Medical Center in February 2000, which is "Healthy Heart Month." If your teachers, PTO members, and/or scouts are interested in this lifesaving skill, please call Sabola at 794-9441 for more information.

From The Springfield Turnverein...

A Busy Fall Season For Boy Scout Troop 78

Boy Scout Troop 78 of the Springfield Turnverein has had a great beginning to their new year. In October, they attended the New Hampshire Jamboree and had a great time. So far during September and October, 22 merit badges have been awarded.

Brian Nay, Mike LaBorde, Jeremy Skiba, and Joe Fortunato have advanced to Star Rank. Advanced to Life Scout was Christopher Holl. Two scouts, Brian Landry and Brian LaBorde, received the World Conservation Award.

The Troop has also been busy working on their service projects. They are working on the garden at Moses Scout Reservation and had a clean-up day at the Turnverein. It has been a very exciting and successful beginning.

In November, the Troop will be continuing with their busy schedule of activities. A Wilderness Survival weekend is planned for November 12th-14th at Camp Moses. On November 16th, a guest speaker from the Drug Enforcement Agency will be attending the Troop meeting.

This month, Adopt-A-Highway, a continuing project for the Troop, will be held on November 20th. It is sure to be an enjoyable month.

Fundraisers are always included as a part of the Troop activities to help the boys earn money for camp. Currently they are involved in selling Humanitees items. For information, contact Sande Linder at 789-1448. Tupperware is also always available. For a book or information, contact Teresa Holl at 789-2897.

Many exciting events are being planned for the future. If you would like to become a part of the Troop or would like information about it, contact Ray LaBorde at 789-0097.

Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Springfield Turnverein. New members are always welcome.

Slated For Friday, December 3rd...

"Charity Auction" Sponsored By Agawam Middle School

The Agawam Middle School Charity Auction will take place on Friday, December 3rd, at the Agawam Polish American Club on Route 57 in Feeding Hills.

The preview begins at 6:00 p.m., and the bidding will commence at 7:00 p.m.

The admission is a \$3 donation per family, and tickets will be sold at the door. The auctioneer will be Mr. Joe Rossi.

The auction will feature team autographed sports memorabilia from the Bruins, Flyers, Devils, Rangers, Falcons, Boston Celtics, Yogi Berra, and Bobby Orr, plus a whole lot more.

In addition, there will be a wide array of items to bid on, including limo service, college for kids, a Fitness First membership, restaurants, hair salons, savings bonds, Symphony Orchestra tickets, hotel stays, Bright Nights, and so much more.

This will be a very exciting evening, so please come out to support the local Middle School. The timing for this event is perfect, as the items from this auction will make great gifts for the holidays.

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From AHS Guidance Department...

Bully For You ... WRONG!!!

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

It must have been almost 20 years ago, but I remember it as if it were yesterday. I was walking down one of the school's corridors when, all of a sudden, I saw this big bruiser lift this small boy up in the air and pin him against the wall. Talking to him in a mocking tone, he was clearly threatening him and/or warning him about something.

Filled with anger and horror, I marched forward and yelled, "Put him down this instant!" Incredibly, the bully did just that. The victim, clearly shaken, moved behind me and the perpetrator was given a stern look and told to report to my office.

Can you imagine how much bullying goes on that we do not know about? Can you imagine the impact the bullying makes upon the victim? How can we recognize these bullies? What makes them bullies? What can be done to protect others from harm?

Bullying is any ongoing physical or verbal mistreatment where someone has inordinate power over someone else and takes out negative action on the victim. According to a Texas A&M survey, 34 percent of students reported having been threatened with bodily harm at school or on a school bus; 15 percent said that something was taken from them by force or threat of bodily harm; and 14 percent said they had been physically attacked.

Just who is a bully? Usually, children who bully need to control and dominate others and do this through verbal threats and physical actions. A bully often perceives that the world revolves around him. He is physically larger than others his age.

At times, he has misperceptions and sees himself as a victim. He will assume that someone did not bump into him accidentally; rather, the person did it on purpose. Therefore, if the bully chooses to retaliate, that is justified.

Many are simply mimicking what they have seen occur at home. If they see an aggressive parent in action, they figure that gives them license to be aggressive. They are very angry and need to vent. Instead of venting in a positive fashion, they choose to bully.

Some bullies do have low self-esteem and want others to feel the same way they do, so they decide to inflict pain on the others and make them suffer. Some of them have "teammates" who egg and cheer them on; many times they ask these "teammates" to do their dirty work, while the bullies just look on.

If you hear that your child is bullying someone or if you see bullying behavior exhibited at home, what can you do as a parent? Really take a close look at your youngster.

Do you know his friends? Do you notice if he watches movies filled with aggression? Do you ask him how things are going at school with his peer group? Do you emphasize the positive that your child is doing in order to improve his self-esteem?

Do you point out to him how the victim must feel? Do you take a good look at your own home surroundings and question how secure and loved your child feels? Do you really listen to your child and help him deal with frustration in a timely and positive fashion?

Do you tolerate bullying behavior? Do you mete out appropriate punishment when rules are not respected and practiced? Bullying is a learned behavior; it can be unlearned.

Let's work together to stop bullying behavior. As Reba McEntire writes in her song, "What If": "... what if everybody, what if everybody cared with just one heart?" What if?

At Ag. Middle School & The Elementary Schools...

Books To Be Reviewed By Fourth-, Fifth-, & Sixth-Graders

Jennifer Green, librarian for the Middle School, Granger, Clark, Phelps, and Robinson Park Schools, has announced that Agawam's fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-grade students will have the opportunity to choose the books they like best. Salem State College, host of the Massachusetts Children's Book Award Program, selected 25 books from a survey and relayed the list to Massachusetts schools.

Because of the value Agawam has placed on education, said Mrs. Green, the 25 books will be available for the students to read. "This is the only child-chosen book awards," says Mrs. Green, who is excited to be participating in the program in conjunction with the Agawam Public Library as well. Children's Librarian Jeanne Hofmann has purchased at least one copy of each of the 25 books for the public library, while Josette Bouchie at the Middle School has purchased a copy of each book, too.

"Over the next four or five months, youths from the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades in Agawam Schools are asked to read five books from the list," Mrs. Green explained. "In the last week of February 2000, their votes will be collected and we will announce which books won in each school. The announcement will be made for the town, and we will then send the results to Salem State College."

This is a voluntary program which affords young people the opportunity to vote which books are their favorites. "The books will be chosen according to whatever reasons kids choose books," Mrs. Green pointed out. "It's a wonderful and unique opportunity."

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For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

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A REMINDER: For our Thanksgiving week edition (Thursday, Nov. 25th), the deadline for ALL articles, ads, etc., is Sunday, Nov. 21st, at 12:00 noon...

Bay Path Open House Set For Sat., Nov. 20th

Bay Path College will hold its second open house of the 1999-2000 academic year for prospective students and their families. The 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. event takes place on Saturday, November 13th.

Attendees will tour the campus, meet faculty members and Bay Path President Carol A. Leary, and attend an informal college student panel presentation. Students will participate in hands-on mini-classes in their fields of interest while their parents meet with financial aid representatives to learn how to finance a college education. Lunch is also included in the day's agenda as well as an overview of student clubs and organizations.

For more information and to attend the November 13th Bay Path College Open House, call 565-1331 or toll free, 1-800-782-7284.

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THE WIZARD CARDAMON (Arthur von Marschall) throws up his hands trying to resolve the argument between **Queen Aggravain** (Laurie Chmielewski) and **King Sextamus** (Phil Bonk) in Agawam High School's production of "Once Upon A Mattress," slated for November 19th, 20th, and 21st. For tickets, call 786-4488.

Purchase Your Tickets Now For AHS's "Once Upon A Mattress"

Tickets are going well for Agawam High School's latest theatrical endeavor — Rodgers' and Bowers' "Once Upon a Mattress," Broadway's hit musical retelling of *The Princess and The Pea* story.

Following last year's successful show, "Oliver," music teachers Steve Files and Tammy Watson have once again engaged the services of STAGE producers Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons to direct, choreograph, and design the show.

Last year's show marked the return of musical productions to Agawam High after an absence of several years. Spearheaded by producers Files and Watson, the production boasted a cast of combined freshman and upperclass choirs, the pit band, and drama class students.

This year's musical comedy showed an increase in the number of jazz choir and band participants. The directors hope this trend will cross over to audience attendance as well.

Pearsons and Secora, who manage The Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills and have won numerous awards for their work in community and professional theatre, are encouraged by the enthusiastic response of the young people, many of whom were in "Oliver."

"Several of the cast have even taken time out of their vacation days to come in for rehearsal. They are dedicated and determined to make this a great evening's entertainment," said Pearsons. "We hope families, friends, and the community at large will come out to support their efforts."

"Once Upon A Mattress" will be complete with medieval costumes and a castle setting, and promises to be a feast for the eyes. New lighting and a sound enhancement system are being incorporated into the production, which will play in the refurbished High School auditorium.

Show dates are Friday and Saturday, November 19th and 20th, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 21st, at 1:30 p.m. Tickets may be reserved by calling 786-4488. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Don't miss this hilarious show that skyrocketed Carol Burnett into comedy history. "Once Upon A Mattress" is a musical the entire family will enjoy.

On Tuesday, November 16th...

Informational Meeting For April 2000 Trip For Sixth-Graders

On November 16th, an informational meeting will be held at the Agawam Middle School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. in regards to the fourth annual New York/Washington, DC/Philadelphia trip that is planned for the April school vacation. The distribution of candy will start at 7:30 p.m.

The trip begins on Sunday, April 16, 2000 with our first day spent at the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Science Center. On Monday, we continue by coach to Washington, D.C., where we will spend that afternoon and the next two days exploring museums, visiting memorials, meeting elected officials, seeing the original Declaration of Independence, and even watching money being made!

In the evening, we plan to have a DJ/Pizza Party, go to a student dinner theater, a comedy show (geared for the students), the Hard Rock Cafe, and Planet Hollywood. As we start our journey home on Thursday, April 20th, we will stop in Philadelphia, PA for a stop at the U.S. Mint, lunch, and a walking tour of the historic district.

This trip is open to sixth-grade students of Agawam or who attend Agawam Middle School. However, it is not a school trip. The cost for the trip will be approximately \$400. (The price will be finalized when it is known how many will be attending.)

The cost includes transportation, lodging, all meals, and admission fees. The chaperone-to-student ratio will be 1:4, with a few "floating" chaperones. Deposits of \$50 per person are now being accepted, and *must* be received before candy can be picked up.

Monthly payments of \$100 (minus candy money credits) would need to be sent in November, December, and January, with a final payment in February.

Checks should be made out to the *Washington Trip Account* and sent in care of Rachel Thomas, 43 Janelle Dr., Agawam, MA 01001-2735.

Please watch for further notices and information from your student and in *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

Election Day Bake Sale At Phelps



TO RAISE MONEY FOR ALUMNAE SCHOLARSHIPS, the Phelps School PTO held a bake sale on Election Day (November 2nd). From left to right: Benjamin Parzich, Cheryl Rubeck Parzich, Wendy Dominik (co-chair with Donna O'Keefe of the bake sale), and Joanne Styckiewicz. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Agawam High School's Weekly Guidance Bulletin

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

November 15th: LaSalle University, 10:30.

November 16th: Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 9:00; Fordham University, 10:00.

November 17th: Greenfield Community College, 12:00.

November 18th: Unity College, 12:00.

November 22nd: Assumption College, 9:00.

November 23rd: Florida Institute of Technology, 12:15.

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New England Institute of Technology is sponsoring an essay contest designed to encourage high school students to become knowledgeable about the technological changes that have taken place in the business environment over the past several years. The winner of this contest will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to NEIT. Deadline: April 7, 2000.

The following colleges are offering scholarships to qualified students who enroll there: **University of Tampa, Wheaton College, New England Institute of Technology, Vanderbilt University, University of Richmond, and Simmons College.**

OPEN HOUSES: See your counselor for more information.

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Curry College: November 14th.

Best local news...

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 15th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, whip potatoes, diced carrots and peas, dinner roll, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

Tuesday, November 16th: Hamburg in roll, slice of cheese, steamed rice, mixed vegetables, fruit cup or butterscotch pudding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, November 17th: Deli-sliced turkey in roll, tossed garden salad with ranch dressing, diced carrots, chocolate cake with icing, milk.

Thursday, November 18th: Taco boat with cheese topping, mild taco sauce, niblet corn, rosy applesauce, chocolate brownie, milk.

Friday, November 19th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven french fries, green and waxed beans, ice cream cup, milk.

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Agawam Jr. High PTO Meeting Of Oct. 25th

Bylaws were read and accepted at the PTO's second meeting on Monday, October 25th, and teachers requests were honored.

Among them was the Art Department's request to have Evelyn Snyder (a visiting pottery artist) come and share with the seventh-grade art class her special talent with pottery. The presentation went well and the students enjoyed her very much.

On Thursday, October 29th, the school held its annual costume contest. Each member who chose to dress was asked to donate two canned goods to the West Springfield food shelter.

Mr. Costanzi was pleased to report he brought over four very much needed boxes of canned goods. Hopefully, we can continue this custom each year and add to our contributions.

We would also like to thank the Southworth Company of Agawam for generously donating 1,000 envelopes to the students of the Junior High computer classes for their use in learning how to address envelopes.

A special thanks to Sherry of the Southworth Company for making that possible.

Reminder: There will be a half-day of school on Wednesday, November 24th, for Thanksgiving recess. Also, the next PTO meeting will be held on the fifth Monday in November.

The date is November 29th, and all parents and teachers are welcome to join us to discuss school business. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

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A REMINDER: For our Thanksgiving week edition (Thursday, Nov. 25th), the deadline for ALL articles, ads, etc., is Sunday, Nov. 21st, at noon.



AT THE REQUEST OF THE Agawam Junior School's Art Department, visiting artist Evelyn Snyder (above) gave a pottery demonstration to a seventh-grade art class. Pictured below are some examples of her pottery. Top photo by Kathy Shepard.



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At Agawam High School...

Honoring "Potters Of The Month" For September

The smallest of this year's Agawam High School pottery classes was chosen as "Potters of the Month" for the month of September on their merits of good conduct, correct preparation of materials, ability to follow directions, workmanship, and the use of creative design. Their make-up is somewhat similar (in that most owned pets and had brothers and sisters), but they were found to be diversified in their individual activities.

The class is composed of eight first-year pottery students, five second-year students, and one third-student. In all, Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal handles 103 students per day this semester, with 41 additional students taking pottery with Miss Frances Messina. The rest of the 26 art students are involved in a Drawing/Painting Studio Art or a Composition Design Illustration Class.

The "noted" potters for September are as follows:

Victoria Ruhl is a member of the freshman class who plays soccer, has two younger sisters, a dog (Nika), and two cats (Little and Clyde).

Ashley Mutti, also a freshman, likes music and babysits for extra money. She has two younger brothers and one older. The family has two Doberman (Gallum and Atain) and a cat (Whitee).

Laurie Sakowitz is a senior who works at the Springfield Civic Center during the Falcon games and daily at Providence Place as an evening waitress. She plans to study speech pathology in college.

Kelly Cassidy is a sophomore who has an older brother. She plays JV soccer, basketball, and is on the varsity track team.

Karen Comee, also a sophomore, has an older brother and two younger brothers. She works in her father's office at Chet Comee & Sons concrete business, and is a member of the cross country team.

Raquel Rodriguez, a senior, was originally sports-oriented but has since become an avid reader, writes poetry, loves dancing, and has photography as her hobby. She is looking at the University of Maine at Fort Kent with a major in humanities for next fall.

Brian Santinello, a junior, has three brothers and a sister. He works at the Feeding Hills Public Market while maintaining a place on the football team this fall. In the spring, he can be seen playing



PICTURED ABOVE are the 14 Agawam High School students who were recently chosen as "Potters of the Month" for the month of September. Congratulations to all of these students on receiving this recognition.

ing baseball for the Brownies.

Freshman **Chuck Merrill** works at Riverside and is friendly with fellow potter **Jackie Beaulieu**, who enjoys going the park (they like to play cops-and-robbers). Jackie has a dog (Missey) and a puppy (Muffer).

Being the fifth child in his family, **Jeremiah Malloni** has two sisters and three brothers. He works in his parents' ice cream store, Cindy's Drive-In, which is located in Granby, Massachusetts. He has two dogs.

Anna Molta, a junior, has a brother and three older sisters. She works at Sears in the Holyoke Mall and enjoys jet-skiing, four-wheeling, and dancing with her boyfriend. She is looking at Westfield State for her future education.

Christine O'Brien, a sophomore, cares for her cat (Leo) and dog (Sunny). She is on the swim team and has an older sister.

Senior **Sara Vincent** works as a hostess at Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizza. When she graduates, she wants to pursue a career as a physician's assistant.

A member of the sophomore class, **Anna Li-quori** has one brother and a sister. She likes music and has a dog (Chelsie). Dave's Soda & Pet City has donated a fish, a bowl, food, and a care sheet to the winning class; Anna drew the winning number and will take the fish home.

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Pumpkin Carving At Phelps...



JACK-O'-LANTERNS WERE RECENTLY CREATED by all the third-graders at Phelps Elementary School. Many parents helped the students in Mrs. Robinson's class to safely carve fantastic and creative pumpkin faces. Everyone had a great time.

James Clark School Still Collecting Boxtops, UPC's, And Receipts

James Clark School wants to remind everyone to continue collecting those boxtops, UPC's, and receipts during the year. As this past year has shown, those points add up into TV's, a VCR, recess equipment, and boxtop cash.

So, during the year, don't throw out those boxtops and UPC's, but save them for back to school in September.

Please save your General Mills BoxTops for Education, Campbell/Pepperidge Farm labels,

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With everyone saving, our points will quickly add up and we can continue to earn valuable items for our school. We thank you for your continued support!

On Wednesday, November 17th...

Parent/Teacher Night At Agawam Jr. High School

On Wednesday, November 17th, the Agawam Junior High School will conduct its annual Parent/Teacher Conference Night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. During the week of November 8th, teachers sent home invitations for these eight-minute individual conferences.

Parents who receive invitations are asked to telephone the guidance office at 821-0566, either Friday, November 12th, or Monday, November 15th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in order to schedule a time for these conferences. Parents are advised to call promptly to reserve a time that is most convenient for them.

School Principal Kevin C. Littlefield states that parents who do not receive an invitation, but still wish to see an individual teacher, should contact the guidance office on Tuesday, November 16th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., as a limited number of appointments have been made available for those parents. He points out that any parent calling on Tuesday, but not able to schedule an appointment for November 17th, will receive a call from the teacher in order to discuss their child's current academic standing.

Littlefield explains that the conference night format was developed by the staff as a means of eliminating overcrowded conditions and long waiting lines. Also, he believes that communication is more effective during these lengthier appointments.

Littlefield invites parents to keep in close contact with the school's guidance counselors and teachers in order to monitor their child's progress throughout the academic year.

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Sports

Schoolboy Football...

Central Demolishes Visiting AHS, 54-8

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It is, of course, both patriotic and traditional to sing the National Anthem before an athletic contest.

However, in the case of the Agawam High School football game up at Springfield Central last Friday night, it might have also been appropriate to add that old Willie Nelson tune, "Shut Out The Lights. The Party's Over," to the play list. You see, Central won, 54-8, in a game that was, if you were a Brownie booster, as ugly as a snake with warts.

Most folks thought this one would be close - maybe a seven-point spread when it was over. Though Central was favored, the faithful had a possibly upset somewhere on their wish list. They probably ended up wishing the game had never been played. Central scored on its first six possessions covering all of the first half and one possession into the second. Six of their scores came on runs.

Tailback Don Jones, who would end the night with 322 yards (229 in the first half) on 10 carries and TD jaunts of 44, 17, 80, 70, and 70 yards did the destruction.

The Central junior refused to be brought down on many occasions and when he was done bouncing off tacklers, flat outran the Agawam defenders. His backfield mate, Corey Jackson, who usually gets more ink, tossed 91 yards on 12 carries and one TD into the mix.

Central also scored a nifty 47-yard pass play with 54 seconds left in the first quarter. This came when Eagle quarterback Mike McCarthy executed a play-action fake that saw the run-happy Agawam defense swallow the bait big-time. McCarthy then hit wideout Brandon Watson, who was 15 yards in the clear, down the right side for Central's third score, making it 24-0 at that point.

And the rout was on. The Eagles ended up with 504 total yards (457 rush/47 pass) as opposed to 185 yards (163 rush/22 pass) for the Brownies.

Just How Bad Was It??

Beyond total yards, just how bad was this one? Agawam, which saw its record fall to 5-3 and 3-2 in the AA Conference, went three and out on its first six possessions. Their initial first down came with 1:58 left in the first half when senior Scott Harlin, in as a running back, gained three yards on a third and one situation at their own 41-yard line.

Working on four fresh downs at their own 44, senior QB Brian St. Jean hit Harlin (back at wideout) for five yards to bring up a second and third at Central's 49. St. Jean's next pass was picked at the Eagles' 35 and the Brownies' longest drive of the half (19 yards/six plays) was history.

With Agawam down 46-0 to start the second half, things started to smell suspiciously like a sour sweatsock for the AHS faithful, when Golden Eagle head Coach Dan McLaughlin sent his starters back in.

After receiving the kickoff, the Golden Eagles promptly took the ball, which sat on their own 18-yard line, and three plays later, scored. Most of those 82 yards came on a 70-yard run down the left side by Jones. The Central lead ballooned to 54-0. Did anyone say "run it up?"

Now, as we are all well aware, you can't tell the kids not to score; they practice too hard all week in order to put up the points. But coaching behavior like that is about as popular as a skunk at the church picnic.

Agawam, on its possession, suffered from Murphy's Law by coughing up the ball after going all the way from the 33-yard line to Central's 31. And it was the Eagles' turn again. Much to the AHS

faithful's relief, McLaughlin sent in his back-up with 5:20 left in the third quarter. They could do little against the Brownies.

Lone TD For The Locals

Agawam's lone TD came with 6:18 left in the fourth quarter. They started out on the Central 46 after the Eagles gave up the ball on a failed fourth and 10 attempt. The Brownies, behind the running of Harlin (two carries/eight attempts) and Moore (26 yards/three carries), set it up for Tony Liquori, who gained three yards, then three more for the score. St. Jean hit Harlin for the deuce and Agawam had its eight points.

Central seemed to control every aspect of this game - both lines of scrimmage, field position, turnovers (a fumble recovery and an interception) and general intensity. St. Jean was puzzled. "I can honestly say I have no clue as to what went wrong, or why. Their running backs weren't as good as they showed. We've seen better." Then he added, "All I do know is that we're out of the playoff picture."

St. Jean noted that while the playoffs are no more, they might be a spoiler against Cathedral this Saturday in an AA battle at the Panthers' place. That will be Agawam's next to last game of the year, which will wind up with their traditional Thanksgiving Day contest against West Springfield. That game, by the way, will be the 75th renewal of the rivalry.

AGAWAM STATS: RUSHING - Moore, 18-57; Harlin, 8-50; Liquori, 4-27, 1 TD; Clark, 2-9; Michel, 2-0; St. Jean, 2-4. PASSING - St. Jean, 2-8, 22 yards, 1 Int., 1 sack - 10, 1 for 2 pts. RECEIVING - Harlin 2-22, 1 2-pt. conv.

The Agawam freshmen lost, 42-6, to the Eagles.

ASA Elects New Executive Board

The Agawam Soccer Association elected its new executive board at its October meeting.

Dave Shaw, ASA President for 1999, wanted to thank his board for a job well done. Shaw (who has been instrumental in the growth of the organization over the years and has held many positions) has decided to stay on; he has been elected to the position of Vice-President of In-Town Soccer.

The new President of the ASA is a lifelong resi-

dent of Agawam. Jacques Wood, a 1978 graduate of Agawam High School, has this to say about his new position: "I feel very excited about the challenges ahead of me. The program provides each child in the town of Agawam the opportunity for competitive and instructional play in the sport of soccer. Much more opportunity than I certainly had playing soccer here 25 years ago."

Other board members elected are as follows:

Mike Fornier, Executive V.P.; Judy Gonyea, V.P. of Pioneer Valley; Ed Dean, Director of Pioneer Boys; Mike Obue, Director of Pioneer Girls; Dean Brust, Director of In-Town Boys; Dee Adams, Director of In-Town Girls; Peggy Stearley, Treasurer; Darlene Kedzior, Secretary; Dick Fay, Director of Referees; Tracey Nawskon, Director of Introductory Soccer; Dennis Marr, Registrar; and Steve Rollins, Tournament Director.



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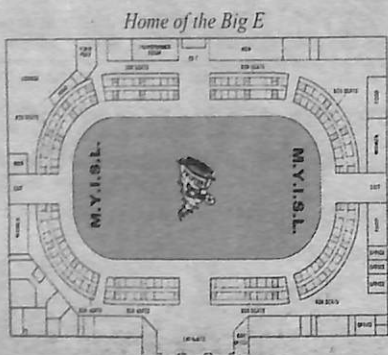
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On Saturday, November 6th...

AHS's Cross Country Teams Run At PVIACs

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last Saturday, the Agawam High boys' and girls' cross country teams traveled to Southwick High School for the PVIACs. While no one expected the Brownies to run away with any of the top spots in the competition, it was another step in the second-year program's efforts to become a force in Western Mass. cross country competition.

The boys went off first. They, like the girls, were part of 30 schools in the meet. That meant, on both sides, over 200 runners participated. Anthony Goodrow, a senior, was first for the Brownie boys. He finished in 78th place in a time of 15:26. Sophomore Ricky Gardner was second for the Brownie boys in the 133rd spot with a time of 16:37. Then came junior Steve Messina (163rd) at 17:25. Rounding out the top five Agawam boys were junior Adam Sprague (172/17:49) and Steve Atkinson, a sophomore (176/18:04).

The girls had senior Tiffany Scalfie in first place for them (124th overall) in a time of 20:04. She was followed by Jess Hudson (158) in 21:14. "We had a great drag race down the stretch between two of our sophomores, Sarah Leydon and Sarah Longtin, for us to grab the 175th and 176th spots," cross country Coach Bill Dillon noted. Leyden just edged out her teammate, Longtin, by .03 of a second.

Totally Spent

Many of these kids, from all the schools, were totally spent at the end. Some came over the finish line and took a header into the cinder track.



THE MEMBERS OF AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S boys' and girls' cross country teams which competed at the PVIACs last Saturday at Southwick High School. Advertiser News photo by

Dave Rollins.

Others had to be helped through the chute. Others collapsed once they'd been helped.

What kind of sport is this where you no longer go on physical energy, but mental fortitude? They say football is tough. The pain behind so many of the kids' eyes on that day was painful to behold. But commitment to your sport is what it is all about, and there was tons of that on this cold early November day.

"We showed as well as could be expected. I'm proud of them all. Our next stop is this weekend up at the Western Mass. championships in Northfield. It is a mountain course, all uphill for the first mile. Our top seven finishers in the PVIACs will be there. If you can't make it over the mountain, at least you'll have a great view," Dillon laughed.

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THE LEADERS AND VETERANS of Agawam High cross country; in left photo — Coach Rebecca Brown, senior Tiffany Scaife, Coach Bill Dillon, and senior Alisha Pisano; in right photo — seniors Adam Howe, Anthony Goodrow, Coach Dillon, and Coach Brown. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

Cross Country Review...

Coach Dillon Pleased With Progress And Sees More Experience In 2000 Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam cross country team ended its regular season the week before last. It was their second year of competition and Coach Bill Dillon was satisfied with the progress they'd made. Both the boys' team and girls' team finished with identical 3-15 records.

Numbers had been the problem last year - each team had barely a half-dozen runners. Sixteen girls and 13 boys showed up this time around and when it was over, 15 girls and 10 boys remained. "A lot of that had to do with injuries. We had 45 missed races on the girls' side and 10 for the boys because kids were hurt," the coach noted.

On the positive side, besides numbers, Dillon says, despite losing his two best runners to graduation (Tiffany Scaife and Anthony Goodrow), a good veteran core will be back. He noted that

freshman Jessica Hudson could well be a force in the future. "She consistently ran in the number two position after Tiffany," he said.

Two kids should help the boys next year, according to Dillon, freshman Mike DeFilippi and sophomore Ricky Gardner. "Mike has talent. Ricky was consistent all season long," he noted.

A Positive Attitude

"The kids had a positive attitude, which always helps. And they had fun. We had pasta parties and did some strength work in the swimming pool," Dillon noted.

He also noted that the course they run at Robinson State Park was probably the best in Western Mass. and they'll continue to use it next year. "It's a runner's course. Our competition has been very impressed with it."

He also praised the work of his Assistant Coach Rebecca Brown, but would like to see her get some compensation for what she has done. "Coach Brown has been with us both years, but has been doing it for free. I'd like to see her get paid because she adds a great deal to the program."

Eventually, Dillon would like to see the boys and girls split up, with Brown handling the girls. "I think separate practices would see both groups get more individual attention," he said.

They had a big post-season meet last weekend - the PVIACs at Southwick High (see related story). "All the teams from the Pioneer Valley were there, which translates into more than 200 kids competing from 30 schools. It was exciting," he noted.

From Park & Rec...

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Talking With A Former AHS Football Mentor...

A New Challenge For Dean Vecchiarelli

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For nine years, Dean Vecchiarelli was the head football coach at Agawam High.

Before that, he served as an assistant coach at AHS for seven years. Vec's tenure at the Brownie gridiron helm saw good times and not-so-good times. After last season, he stepped down, hit the bricks, took a sabbatical, and was planning to retire from football for a while. He remained as a faculty member at the school, however.

But you can't keep a good man down. He got a call from Western New England College head football Coach Gerry Martin. "I've known Dean for a long time. I know how knowledgeable he is when it comes to football," the Golden Bears coach said. So, he hired Vec as his defensive coordinator, which is where we now find the former Brownie mentor.

WNEC is a Division III school. They play in the New England Football Conference. College coaching is a new experience for Vec. "I'm satisfied here. The kids are older, bigger, faster, and stronger and you have to get used to dealing with and communicating with them in a different manner than on the high school level. I've learned a lot in my short time here and have a lot more to learn," he said.

A Little Different As An Assistant

As a head coach, Vec had pretty much complete control over a program that was his program. Things, of course, are different as an assistant. "Yeah, in a way I miss that aspect (being in total control). I think all good coaches want to be a head coach. But I'd done that on one level for nine years. Here, a defensive coordinator has to do almost as much work as I had to do as a high school head coach."

The reason for all the work, according to Vec, is that authority is delegated at WNEC. "I call my own defenses. On offense, it's the same way. When you are hired to do that, that's the way it is and Coach Martin lets us do the job he hired us to do."

Where is the pressure? "We're hired to win."

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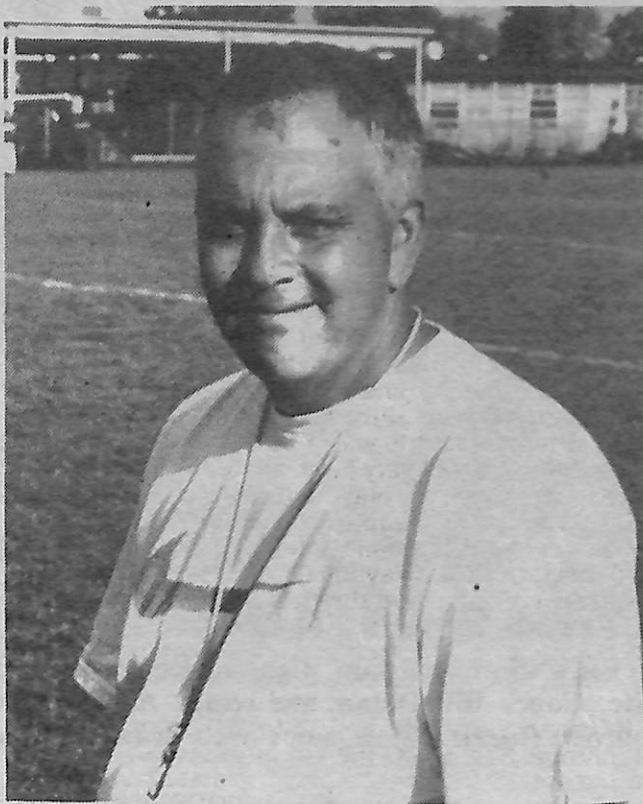
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DEAN VECCHIARELLI, a long-time leader of Agawam High's varsity football program, is now applying his knowledge and experience at Western New England College for the Division III Golden Bears. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Besides the field work, I spend almost as much time studying films of our opponents as I did coaching the kids at Agawam. You see, we can't go around and look who we're going to play next

week because they're all over Massachusetts. Scouting first-hand was part of the job in high school. We can't see everyone in person at this level, so we use films."

These kids play for no scholarship money at WNEC. "It's not even based on need at Western New England. You put down \$24,000 a year to come to this place, whether you are an athlete or not. The purpose is to get a great education. Athletics are gravy and a great part of all this. It's the best of both worlds," Vec noted.

If you have ever been to an athletic contest at AHS, you know the "folks" can get pretty rough. They coach from the stands as intensely as the guys who are paid to do that on the field. "Even at this level, the parents are around. Though I've never heard them, no matter where I've coached. If you have rabbit ears, you're in the wrong business," Vec smiled.

One thing Vec will be doing now is something he never had to do in high school - recruit. "I'm looking forward to that. This school has some great things to offer," Vec noted. He also noted that it isn't easy to be accepted at WNEC. To get in you have to have a high B average and over 1,000 on your college boards.

How will he get some quality football players for Martin? "I know just about everyone associated with high school football in Western Massachusetts. I'll send out letters to coaches, showing interest for our program to some of their top players, and go from there," Vec said.

One place he says he'll start is Agawam High. One kid who interests the WNEC program is AHS wide receiver Scott Harlin. "Scott is very intelligent and very talented. We'd like to have him come here," Vec said.

Currently, WNEC is 3-6 and 2-5 in their conference. Their last game of the year will be Saturday, November 13th, at Fitchburg State.

Vec's job with the Golden Bears is part-time. But it takes time driving there from Agawam and doing the things that must be done. "My wife has been very supportive in my doing this," he smiled.

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Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer...

Young Brownies End 1999 Season With An Impressive 12-4-1 Record

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Despite a 2-1 season-ending setback to East Longmeadow, the Agawam High junior varsity girls' soccer team enjoyed a banner 1999 fall season, finishing with a 12-4-1 record under the direction of Coach Lynda Kunasek.

The JV's, easy 3-0 winners over EL at Harmon Smith Field earlier this season, absorbed all they could handle in the second encounter vs. EL over in Spartanland. The home team scored two first half goals while the normally energetic JV's came out flat and were no doubt surprised at the strong play of the EL JV's.

Stormed The EL End

Agawam came out spitting fire in the second half and stormed the EL end for most of it. The Agawam score came at the 17:00 minute mark when freshman striker Kaitlin Sardella stripped the ball from the EL sweeper deep in the right corner. She quickly crossed a pass into the goalmouth where sophomore striker Jill Lawson headed the ball into the net past the shocked EL keeper for her seventh tally of the season. Sardella registered her eighth assist.

With Kunasek beckoning her troops to keep striking forward, the Brownies pressed the attack and enjoyed several nice chances to score but to no avail.

Props go to midfielders Jessie Newalu (sophomore) and Angelina Cortese (sophomore), as well as freshman stopper Danielle Cirillo and freshman fullback Tricia Fitchben for turning in strong performances on this cold October evening. Sophomore Biz Perry (first half) and freshman Vicky Taylor (second half) shared the goaltending duties.

From Westfield State's Sports Desk...

Erica Pratt Has Been Named To All-Conference Field Hockey Team

Twelve Westfield State College female athletes representing three sports were recently named to the Massachusetts State all-conference teams.

Heading the list is senior midfielder Erica Pratt, a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School, who was named co-Player of the Year in field hockey.

Pratt, a three-time first-team/all-league selection, led Westfield's Lady Owls to a share of their third conference championship in four years. The Feeding Hills native was among the league leaders with five goals and five assists.

One of those assists helped set up her younger sister Alison's game-winning goal in an overtime victory over Fitchburg State. This win earned the Lady Owls a share of the MASCAC crown with Salem State.

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Dave Rollins - Sports Editor

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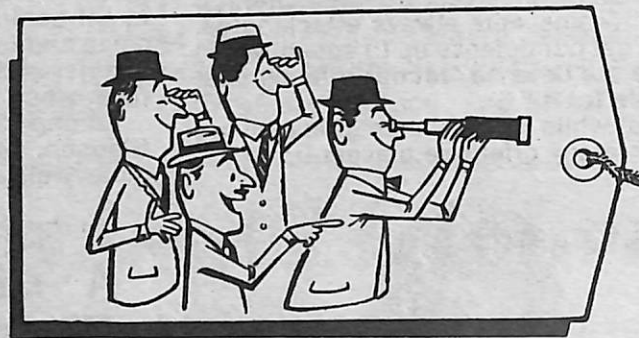
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A Review Of The Fall 1999 JV And Freshman Teams

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The fall sports season is history for the AHS varsity teams. For many, it wasn't one they'll want to remember. The season is also over for the junior varsity and freshman teams in their respective sports, as well.

If the varsity teams are to improve, that is where they must look for the help towards that end. Following is a review of those teams.

The JV boys' soccer team finished up at 9-5-2. This is their second year under Coach Jeff Rousseau, a former AHS soccer star and an excellent teacher of the game. Rousseau's two-year record is 23-6-3.

According to Rousseau, the main strength of the JV team this year was its ability to get along when they hit the field. "Most of the kids really didn't have a lot in common when they were not playing soccer. But it was a credit to them that when the game started, they all worked very hard towards a common goal — winning. It's a quality that made me very proud of them."

Many of those kids will be looking for a varsity job next year. "They sure will," Rousseau smiled. "I think the biggest thing they'll bring with them, other than their ability to play together, is a high skill level. Not all of them are great athletes, but they've all practiced the skills that enable them to get the most out of the talents they have," he added.

Also, the coach stressed that the JV's are playing soccer year-round now. "They'll play indoors somewhere this winter, and will be on various spring and summer teams as well. The varsity can only benefit from all of that next season."

Rousseau singled out several kids who should figure in big-time for upcoming campaigns. "I think John Sikes, a junior outside striker, will be someone to watch. He has a great deal of talent, but also had an attitude problem before this year. Suddenly that all changed. He grew up, I guess. Now John is ready for some exciting things," said Rousseau.

Another is junior Mike DiDonato. "Mike was cut from the JV's in his sophomore year. When that happens, many kids simply say the heck with it. Mike didn't. He worked hard and improved tremendously. He had the courage and the guts to stick with the game, and should be a valuable contributor when next fall rolls around," Rousseau smiled.

The freshman girls' soccer team ended up 6-9-2. According to Coach Jamie Lessard, their strength was defense. "Teams were always attacking us, so that helped get our defense up to speed. When we won, it was our defense, not our offense, that was responsible for it."

He noted that while the freshmen girls may not be sending too many offensive players up to the



EARLIER THIS SEASON, Glenn Olson (back row, far right) — head coach of the AHS boys' varsity soccer team — posed with the junior varsity Brownies. Back row: Evan Machos, Matt McGrath, Mike DeCaro, Shawn Mercadante, Bill Campana, Vinnie Tirone, Jamie Delpeschio, Tim Cretien, Brian Knight, Matt Ligenza, and Brian McGuire. Front row: Adam Rovithis, Anthony Valenti, Nate Patterson, Nick Broska, Sean Devall, Mike Carmody, Jeff Fay, Jon Sikes, and Mike DiDonato. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

varsity in the next two or three years, the defenders will help out immensely, considering the fact that some excellent scorers from the JV's will most likely be on the varsity next season.

He singled out stopper Aimee Beaudette, center-midfielder Nicole Gendreau, left-fullback Jodie Pfau, center-midfielder Jenn Sharp, and sweeper Alison Siedlik as kids who will make a difference as they move up the girls' soccer ladder.

The JV field hockey team came in with a record of 4-4-7. They were coached by Beth Schroeder. "Our strength was defense all year long. Plus, we have a goalie that might be just as good as Mary Elizabeth (Dupelle) — sophomore Alyssa Goodrow. Alyssa showed well all season long," she said.

Some others stood out, according to the coach, including sophomore wing Katie Dubay (who is very skilled at advancing the ball upfield) and midfielder Jessica Roy.

She also noted that the kids were taught to have fun playing the game. "Field hockey can be very frustrating. You don't see many high-scoring games. A positive attitude is a good thing to have," Schroeder said.

The freshman girls' field hockey team, under Coach Kate Berry, went 2-1-5. According to the coach, the athleticism of her kids proved to be their strong point.

"Many of them are former soccer players and they could run all day," the coach said, then added, "They were also able to handle learning different positions because we only had 12 kids, so some had to cover others." Berry noted that being familiar with more than one position would help them when they moved up.

Among the freshman notables were Nicole Glauson, who volunteered to play goal and did quite well after their regular keeper got injured

early on. Nicole Gutowski starred on the freshman team and was immediately snapped up by the JV's midway through the season.

Cristen Sacco, a forward, proved to be a dangerous goal-scorer, and Laura Zerra (according to the coach) should do very well on the JV's next season.

The JV girls' volleyball team finished up at 10-7. It was their first year of competition. According to Coach Jennifer Ellis, they were a hard-working group which (despite their lack of formal volleyball competition before this year) quickly picked up the finer points of the game.

"They were good listeners and that helped them learn," she said. "They all had excellent attitudes and a great sense of humor, which is necessary when you make a mistake. They shrugged it off and kept on going."

"I think I saw it all come together midway through the season in a match against Amherst. They were tied a game apiece. And in the third game, everything they'd been working on clicked; everything they did was the right thing and they beat the Hurricanes," said Ellis.

She feels they'll bring a high level of skill and competitiveness to the varsity. Some who should help right away include setter Ashley Blanchard, a freshman who has good net sense, according to Ellis. Audrey Guarriello, another freshman, is a natural for volleyball and a great defender who isn't afraid to hit the floor. Christina Knodler improved greatly during the season. Ashley Marek is a setter with a good serve and good hands, and she plays excellent defense. Lindsey Ryiz was the team's leading scorer and was helped mostly by her killer serve. All three of those kids are freshmen. According to the coach, sophomore Brittany Theriaque is another good setter and defender.

There was no freshman girls' volleyball team as of yet.

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CINDI ALFANO

Cindi Alfano Named To All-Conference Team In Soccer

Cindi Alfano, a 1997 graduate and four-year varsity soccer player at Agawam High School, has been named to the NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S AND MEN'S ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (NEWMAC) All Conference team.

Cindi, a junior at Clark University in Worcester and a third-year varsity player, has been chosen captain of Clark's women's soccer team this season by head Coach Andy Schecter.

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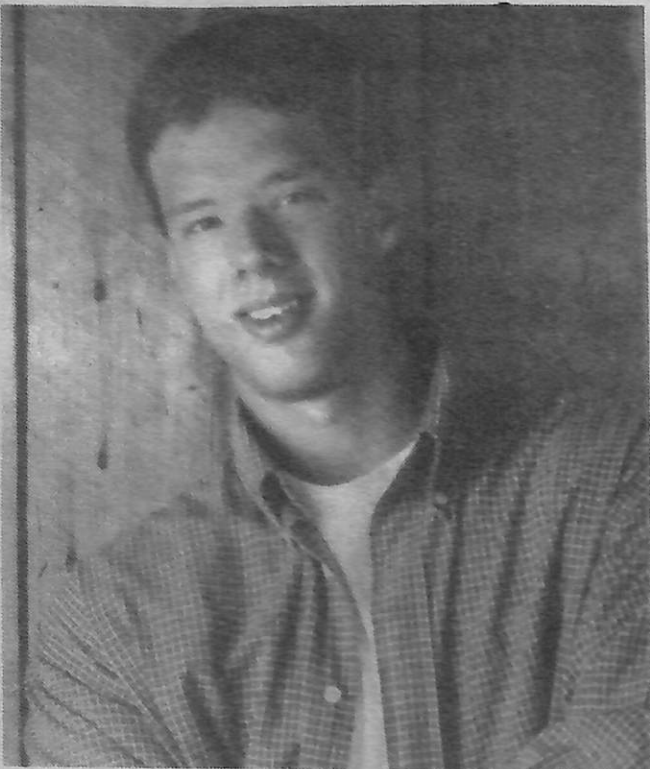


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DENNIS LIPTAK

Profile...

Dennis Liptak - A Capt. Of The Gridiron

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Dennis Liptak is one of four captains on the Agawam High football team. He's a hard-hitting linebacker and one of the prime reasons for the Brownies' success this season. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about himself and his days at AHS.

Dennis turned 18 on May 16th. He stands 6'1" tall and weighs in at 185 pounds. "When the season started, I was 190. But you kind of wear down a little," he smiled.

He has spent all four years of his secondary education at Agawam. This semester, Dennis is taking entrepreneurship, electronic music, construction, psychology, English, and gym. Psychology is his favorite course. "I like it because we discuss so many interesting things," he noted. Mrs. Bronwyn Monahan (English) is his top teacher.

Dennis is looking hard at Unity College in Unity, Maine, for next year. Unity is an environmental school. "I want to pursue a career in environmental law enforcement, so that's a good place to start," Dennis explained.

Football is his sport at AHS. As a linebacker, he is known as a "Chief," which means he is assigned to the other team's tight end and follows that player wherever he goes. "They put me at that position in pre-season practice and I'm good at it, so that's where I've played for all our games," he said.

His most memorable sports moment was during his freshman season in 1995. "We went unbeaten. That was a thrill," he smiled.

Giving Credit To The New Coach...

He sees this season so far as an emotional experience. "Our confidence level is very high. We just fly around on the field," he said of the 5-3 Brownies. He credits new Coach Tad Desautels for much of that. "Coach is always smiling and always positive, just like Mister Rogers. And he's a great teacher of football," Dennis added.

Dennis' favorite food is his mom's ham dinner. "She makes it with baked potatoes and green beans. You can't beat it," he smiled.

Red is his color of choice.

He'd like to tool around town in a new Toyota Camry.

The San Francisco 49ers are his top team. Nomar Garciaparra of the Boston Red Sox is his top jock.

Dennis likes to kick back in his room, playing tunes on his guitar. "I took up music in the eighth grade," he said.

His choice of duds runs from jeans, t-shirts, and comfortable sweatshirts.

He likes classic rock to heavy metal in the music department.

On TV, Dennis likes "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" "The Rock" is his favorite flick.

Valerie is his mom's name; she is a teacher at James Clark School in Agawam. George is his dad. He has an older sister, Jessica, who is 24 and a 1993 graduate of AHS.

He looks up to a friend of his, Jim Cardaropoli. When his days as a Brownie are done, Dennis would like to be remembered in this way: "I was never afraid to speak my mind. I could grin and bear it when a situation got tough, and I was a team player."

Desautels had this to say of his senior captain: "Dennis is a tough kid and a hard hitter. That's why he plays the position he plays."

Some "Magic" In In-Town Soccer...



MEMBERS OF THE "Maroon Magic," a team in the U-8 girls' in-town soccer league: Head Coach Bill Scherpa, Assistant Coach Jim Kapinos, and players Stephanie Scherpa, Nicole Vickers, Danielle Flynn, Melisa Hryniewicz, Rebeca Schnepf, Brittany Duquette, Amanda Pittenger, Gabrielle Gonet, Emily Bertera, Jennifer Kapinos, and Marija Molta.

AHS Baseball Recognized By School Comm.



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL varsity baseball team was recently recognized at an Agawam School Committee meeting. The 1999 squad captured the league title, the MIAA Western Massachusetts Championship, and the Western Massachusetts Baseball Umpires' Sportsmanship Award. Pictured above (from left to right) are Varsity Coach Peter Clark, Athletic Director Kathy McSweeney, Mayor Christopher Johnson, and School Committee Vice-Chair Susan Pettazzoni.

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BARRY WARD, a member of AHS's class of 2000, is one of the finest soccer players to have played with the Brownies in years.

Agawam Warriors White Team Splits Last Two Games

On Saturday, November 6th, the Pee Wee Warriors dominated Westfield with a powerful 34-16 victory.

Once again, powerful blocking by captains (hogmen) Nick Sleich and Patrick McKeever was the key to the successful running game. The Warrior offense was virtually unstoppable, led by quarterback Brendan McNeish, who had a huge game, throwing for one touchdown to James Mackin (who then dazzled the defense for a 25-yard run).

Brendan also rushed for two touchdowns and two extra points. Rashad Wright also scored two touchdowns (with powerful rushing, for a total of 93 yards rushing).

Defense came up big to stop a powerhouse Westfield offense. Rashad Wright had three backfield tackles (for a total 14-yard loss). Brendan McNeish had a spectacular defensive day, also, making two interceptions, one for a total of 30-yard run back and one backfield tackle/five-yard loss.

James Mackin made one backfield tackle for a six-yard loss. Patrick McKeever also had one backfield tackle, for a seven-yard loss. Nick Sleich turned in two backfield tackles for a 19-yard loss. Scott Lunginbuhl also turned in a backfield tackle for an eight-yard loss. Joe Pirro came up with a huge fumble recovery and Timothy Jendryski caused a key fumble.

Solo tackles were turned in by Garrett Gabel, Philip Skoville, and Stephen Teixeira. Outstanding play (offense and defense) was turned in by the rest of the Warrior squad.

On Sunday, November 7th, the Warriors were defeated by Springfield North, 14-0. Outstanding play, both on offense and defense, was turned in by the Warriors. Unfortunately, two end runs by Springfield resulted in scores.

This pushed the overall record of the White team to 6-2, and a second-place finish in the Division (behind Warriors' Orange team's first-place finish). The Pee Wee Division had a very successful year with a 14-2 record.

The team was coached by William McNeish, Heather Brusiore, and Mark Stevens.

Thank you go out to the parents, Pee Wee cheerleaders, Kirk Parker and the AYFL Board of Directors, and the Agawam Advertiser News for its weekly reporting.

A special thank you goes out to all the Pee Wee Warriors for your hard work and dedication.

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Profile...

Barry Ward Reflects On 4 Years Of Playing Varsity Soccer With AHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High's Barry Ward has been one of the best soccer players to come down the pike in many years for the Brownies. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about his days at AHS.

Barry turned 18 on October 7th. He stands 5'11" tall and weighs in at 160 pounds. He has spent all four years of his secondary education at the High School.

Currently, his course load includes conceptual physics, algebra II, English 12, chemistry, entrepreneurship, and gym. Barry is also a member of the math club. His favorite teacher is Gerald Smith (entrepreneurship).

Right now he isn't sure where he'll go after graduation. But Quinnipiac College in Hamden (CT) or Sacred Heart University in Bridgeport (CT) are catching his interest right now.

Besides soccer, Barry also competes in track (100 meter/200 meter) during the spring. Soccer is tops for him, though. He was a member of the varsity for four years. This year, at his midfield position, he scored four goals and had two assists. He possesses fine ball-handling skills and it was through him that the offense would flow. But a bad left shoulder, sprung in the Comp game (September 9th), bothered him on and off for the balance of the season. His most memorable sports moment came in his sophomore year when the Brownies won their league title. He sees the season just past and their 4-12-1 record as one of ups and downs. "We had a new coach (Glenn Olson), which meant a lot of adjustments," he noted.

Barry's favorite food is pizza.

Blue is his hue.

When asked what car he would like if money were no object, he answered, "Any car but mine. It's a 1983 Chevy Celebrity and it's not going to make it through the winter. Right now my dad and I are looking for another one for me."

D.C. United, of Major League Soccer, is his favorite team.

He likes to kick back and relax with his friends at his house or others'.

Barry buys his clothes at American Eagle. They include comfortable stuff - jeans, t-shirts, etc.

The Dave Mathews Band tops his music chart.

"The Simpsons" is his favorite TV show. "Dumb and Dumber" is his favorite flick.

His mom's name is Debbie. Barry is his dad. He has a 14-year-old brother, Ryan, who is a freshman and plays soccer. He also has two sisters, Erin (21) and Meghan (20). Both are graduates of Agawam High.

He looked up to his grandmother, Jane, who passed away this past summer. "She was always nice to everyone and always had a positive outlook on life; the way I want to be," he said.

When his days at AHS are done, Barry wants to be remembered in this way: "I was easy to talk to and fun to be around and I gave it my best at all times."

Coach Glenn Olson noted that Barry is a very talented player who had "a tough time getting going this past season. But he always hustled and as a captain, was a leader despite the way things went during the just completed campaign."

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AGAWAM SPRING SOCCER SIGN-UPS

The Agawam Soccer Association will be having its spring sign-ups for Pioneer Valley and In-Town programs on November 20th. Sign-ups will be held at the Agawam Middle School from 10:00 to 2:00.

Children that are five years-old by October of 1999 and no older than 11 years-old by October of 1999 will be eligible for the In-Town program.

There will be a second sign-up at the Agawam Junior High School on December 5th from 1:30 to 3:00.



Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Some Special Notes Of Interest From The Division...

The Massachusetts archery deer season opened on October 11th in Deer Management Zones (DMZ) 9 through 14, three weeks prior to the traditional first Monday in November date which remains in effect for western DMZs 1 through 8.

Archers in the eastern half of the state are reporting deer keying-in on fields of rye, alfalfa, and other greenery, as well as acorns where available. "There's no shortage of food," reports MassWildlife Deer Project Leader Dr. John McDonald, "and our bowhunters are having to make some adjustments in response to the conditions they're finding early on in the season. The deer have abundant foliage, lush fields, nuts, and fruit to feed on at this time of year, not to mention the great cover that will persist until the leaves fall."

Deer are in pre-rut activity patterns as bucks spar with saplings to strengthen themselves for later combat with other males to establish breeding status. Bucks are also advertising their presence by creating "scrapes" on the forest floor. The deer paw away leaf litter on the ground, usually under an overhanging limb, and leave scent from a variety of glands to let other deer know a buck is using the area. The deer are in excellent condition and some heavyweight bucks will be encountered by patient hunters.

MassWildlife is using the extended eastern Massachusetts archery season and the antlerless deer permit system as wildlife management tools designed to address an ever-increasing deer herd, now estimated at more than 80,000.

"We've drawn a line in the sand," McDonald states, "and we're using hunting permits and public education to try and keep the deer population on their side of that line."

"We're at risk of losing control of the size of our deer herd, and that would mean an overabundant and less healthy deer population, habitat and property would be degraded by over-browsing, and the human health risks posed by deer/vehicle collisions and Lyme disease would escalate."

"This scenario has become a reality in states to our south, and we're trying to keep it from happening here."

Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket deer hunters will have additional opportunities to bring home some venison. On the Vineyard, antlerless permits will be available during the shotgun season for anyone who did not previously apply.

"This could be a year for the record books," concludes McDonald, "as we have high numbers of deer, an extended archery season in eastern Massachusetts, and a large allocation of antlerless permits. We need a significant harvest, particularly of does, to address the growth rate of the overall population."

"If we can hold the line, we'll be accomplishing our goals of keeping deer numbers at levels compatible with habitat and human limits, while utilizing a valuable and renewable resource in a responsible way."

For more information, contact Dr. John McDonald at (508) 792-7270, ext. 121.

LOCAL NOTES

Valley pheasant hunters are reporting heavy hunting pressure on open land and in Wildlife Management Areas. There seems to be a constant factor in the reports — few birds and many hunters.

Ever since the Game Farm was closed in Wilbraham and everything was subcontracted out from the eastern end of the state, it just seems that the quantity of birds has diminished substantially. Of course, when it comes to the Western half of the state getting the short end of the stick ... well, what else is new?

Coon hunters are reporting a healthy number of larger raccoons this year and are getting some good runs on a consistent basis. Cornfields and backwoods swamps seem to be holding large numbers of the masked bandits.

FISH REPORTS

Congamond anglers are continuing to take trout in the early hours trolling a variety of hardware and flies. Bass anglers are scoring some nice largemouth, but the word of the day is a sloooooowwww presentation. As the water continues to cool, you must match the speed of your presentation to the metabolism rate of the bass.

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In Recognition Of A Tim Daggett Coach - Anne Saimeri

Anne Saimeri is an outstanding coach. She works at Tim Daggett Gymnastics on Gold Street in Agawam, and is enthusiastic about gymnastics and loves working with children.

The Coalition for Educational Advocacy, Multicultural Community Services and Western Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation recently held its third annual Forum for Inclusion, and according to the qualifications, the forum was *only* for teachers, teams, principals, and superintendents of a school system who have made inclusion successful. According to Steve and Sue Lucia, Anne made a "wonderful" candidate for inclusion because she "has a wonderful knowledge of gymnastics and how children work. She teaches preschool-aged children increased flexibility, balance, and coordination through music, play, and a lot of love given by the staff at Tim Daggett Gymnastics. She also knows what works well with preschool-aged children."

April Lucia, the daughter of Steve and Sue, has been taking gymnastics since September 1998. She loves working on all of the equipment, but especially loves socializing. April needs a loving and strict atmosphere in order to excel; between home, school, gymnastics, and church, she is a well-balanced little girl who loves to get away with things (just like every other three year-old).

If you don't know April, she has Trisomy 21, which is Down syndrome (a chromosomal disorder that affects the 21st chromosome). Many people consider kids with Down syndrome to be mentally retarded, yet it is hard to see April as having a disability because she keeps up with the other kids. She may not be able to run yet or jump off a curb with two feet, but (according to her parents) she manages to keep up with her peers.

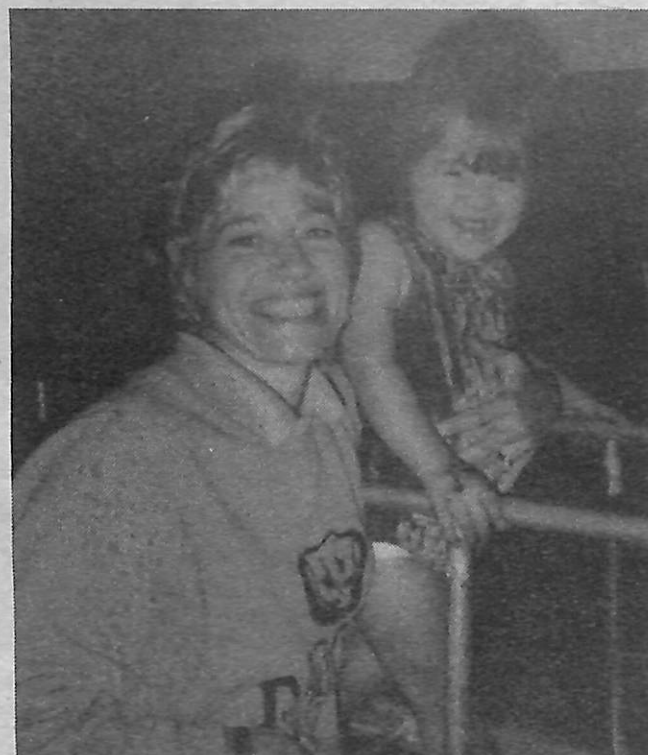
What's more, Anne has been a friend as well as a coach to April. She believes in April's abilities, and this approach to teaching gymnastics has been a wonderful source of support for April's parents.

To express their appreciation for Anne's involvement in their daughter's life, they wrote a letter in support of Anne being part of the aforementioned Inclusion Forum. Here is a portion of the letter that the Lucias wrote about Anne:

"Since April's birth, Anne has been asking lots of questions about her disability. Anne loves to learn and she provides parents with different information. Besides being a coach, Anne is a full-time mom of four children (three beautiful daughters and a son) and has a wonderful and encouraging husband, Joe. They are a great team together."

"I would have never believed that April, a little girl with a disability, could do as well as she has done. Anne believed in April and she knew right from the beginning if you give a child a chance, they could achieve it to their fullest potential."

"I personally would like to thank Anne for always believing in our daughter and never giving up, and for Anne's ability to not only want to teach but also to be taught to."



ANNE SAIMERI (left) with three year-old April Lucia.

"Anne has a special love for the kids. It does show in her work and through her love for her own kids."

On September 30, 1999, the Inclusion Forum was held at Roger L. Putnam Vocational High School in Springfield, and Anne received a Certificate of Recognition for "EXEMPLARY COMMITMENT TO INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN."

According to the Forum, "inclusion" means:

1. Placing children with disabilities in the same schools they would attend if they did not have a disability.
2. Educating all children with disabilities in age-appropriate, regular classrooms, regardless of the nature of their disabling conditions.
3. Providing all students enhanced opportunities to learn from each others' contributions in educational settings.
4. Providing necessary services within regular schools.
5. Having students with disabilities follow the same schedules as non-disabled students.
6. Using all school facilities along with non-disabled students.
7. Receiving job training with their non-disabled peers in regular community environment (could be Special Olympics or being a helper in gymnastics).
8. Supporting regular teachers and administrators by providing time, training, teamwork, resources, and strategies.
9. Developing and supporting friendships between non-disabled and disabled students.
10. Teaching all children to understand and accept human differences.
11. Valuing the participation of parents.
12. Implementing individualized educational programs.

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THE MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Blizzards, who just finished their fall season: back row — Sara Wood, Samantha Lisee, Amy Delude, Sara Long, Kelsey Wood, Jocelyn Mason, and Alyson Brewster; front row — Michelle Santos, Justine Kedzior, Lauren Maloney, Molly Nowill, Lindsey Pfau, Lisa Truschelli, Carly Keeley, and Jennie Deglis.

Agawam Blizzards Conclude Fall 1999 Season At Annual Playoffs

The Agawam Blizzards, U-11 Girls' Pioneer Valley Soccer, closed out a successful fall season with a second-place finish at the annual playoffs held at Gateway Regional High School in Huntington, MA. The Blizzards carried an 8-1-5 record into the playoffs, finishing second to Cold Springs of Belchertown in the regular season.

In Saturday's game against the Palmer Strikers, it was the defense's turn to shine as the teams battled to a 0-0 tie after regulation time. Two five-minute overtimes produced no goals, and (unfortunately) this evenly-matched game had to be decided by these exhausted girls going to a shootout.

The Blizzards and the Strikers — plus about 80 to 90 parents and friends — jammed onto a makeshift mini-field with a regulation goal, designed only for the purpose of determining a winner (however unfair or heartbreaking it may seem). There were tears even before the shootout started.

These warriors in short and shin pads (who are really made of sugar and spice any other day of the week) stood or sat on the cold ground in the twilight, awaiting their turn at possibly making or breaking an exhausting day.

Not all would put the toe to the ball in this shootout; some had to just wait and cheer teammates on. If you've ever been to a kids' soccer game, you would be surprised at how suddenly quiet it can get, as there is that long pause before the ball is sent toward the goal in a shootout.

When all was done, there was joy and celebration for the Blizzards, as Justine Kedzior saved her first goal of the season for when it counted the most. Justine was the first to find the back of the net for the Blizzards. Lauren Maloney would score the second goal of the shootout for the Blizzards with a scorcher into the upper left-hand corner. But, at the end of the 10-girl shootout, it was another tie, 2-2. A sudden death shootout would have to follow.

With the Palmer Strikers shooting first, Lisa Truschelli made the save of her career for the Blizzards stopping the blast from the Strikers. It was now left up to Samantha Lisee, who cool as a cucumber (at least on the outside) stepped up and

sent a rocket toward the goalie's left side. The Strikers' goalie got her hands on it, but when Samantha shoots, you need more than mere hands, and the ball continued through into the goal. On to the finals against Cold Springs.

Early Sunday morning, with 30-degree temperatures and gusting winds, does not make for a good combination for a soccer game. We thought at the beginning we might have been witnessing some type of divine intervention when snow flurries started to fall on the Blizzards from a sunny sky.

But short-handed and playing on a high school-size field, the Blizzards played their hearts out, only to come up on the short end of a 3-1 score.

Molly Nowill scored the last goal of the Blizzards' fall season on a day where all the girls played well, but just were not able to overtake a superior team from Belchertown.

At the end of the game, there was a little sadness and silence, but that was quickly overcome by reflecting on a great season for a team with little Pioneer Valley experience.

Thoughts quickly turned to hot chocolate and nachos at the concession stand and an upcoming pizza party and some smiles returned.

The Blizzards would like to thank their sister team from Division I, the Agawam Twisters, for staying for the shootout. Their vocal and emotional support for the team was much appreciated and was an example of the sportsmanship we hope to instill in these young athletes. Congratulations to the Twisters for their second-place finish in Division I at the weekend tournament.

Coaches Kevin, Bill, and Steve would like to thank the parents for their patience, support, and driving all over Western Massachusetts in order to

make this a successful year for the youngsters. We hope the kids learned a little something besides soccer along the way.

Have a great holiday season. See you in the next millennium.

For The Fall 1999 Season...

Tri-Parish Bowling League Concludes Its First Round

The first round of the Tri-Parish Bowling League ended on November 1st in a dramatic and exciting finish. Georgetown and Catholic University were in a tie, and a winner would be decided by the results of the "position" night bowling.

The first string was decided by nine pins. The second by five, and the third by two ... all in favor of Catholic U. Both teams' anchor bowlers did super jobs.

Cathy Burlingham threw a 349 triple with a 135 single for the winners. Debbie Poirier had a 350 triple with a 120 single in a losing cause.

In the battle for third and fourth place, St. Mary and Fordham tied with two points each. Substitute anchor Lou Muldrew got the best of brother Olly, 348 to 301. Mary Patnaude, with a 110 single and a 290 total, bowled well for St. Mary. Jan Fuller also did well for Fordham with a 112 single and a 301 total.

The fifth place was won by Holy Cross over St. Louis. Ron Menard led the team with a single string of 138 and a total of 362. His opponent, Glen Adams, did almost as well with a 127 single and a total of 346. John Melnik had a good night for the winners with a 323.

Two bowlers did well for the losers: Terry Cerpovicz rolled a 302, and Jim McCormack also finished over 300 with a 309.

The was for last place was lost by Boston College, so seventh place went to Notre Dame. High scores were rolled by both teams in three close games.

Maybeth Coughlin rolled 297, Cori Napolitan had 331, and Flo Rochford a 345 — all for the winners. For the losers, Roger Josephson rolled a 320 and Betsy Cannon had a 354.

And now on to round two...

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Connecticut River smallmouth are continuing to provide some thrills in the areas between the Holyoke Dam and Enfield. Slow-rolled spinner-baits and jig and pig combos are doing the job.

SALT WATER

Stripers are still hitting as the fall migration is at its peak. Reports of hot schoolie action continue to come in from the mouth of the Connecticut to Long Sand Shoal. Beach action is up and down along the Rhode Island beaches and breachways. There seems to be a lack of baitfish along the spots from East Beach to Westerly. This could literally change overnight, however.

Many charter and party boats are closing down for the long winter season, but some are just getting started with the winter cod schedules.

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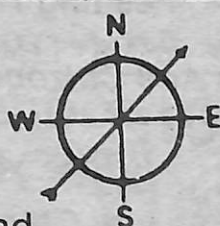
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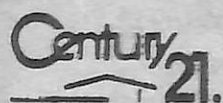
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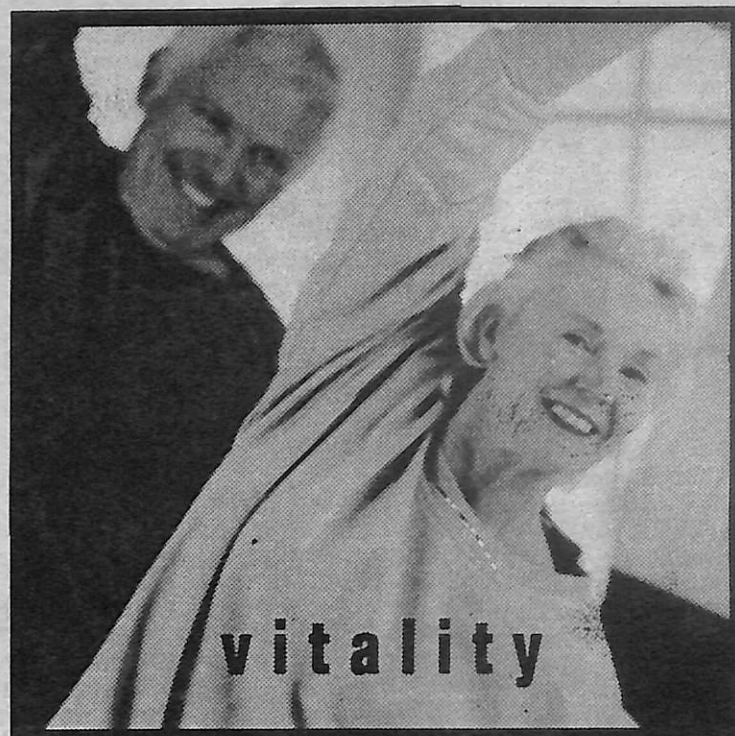
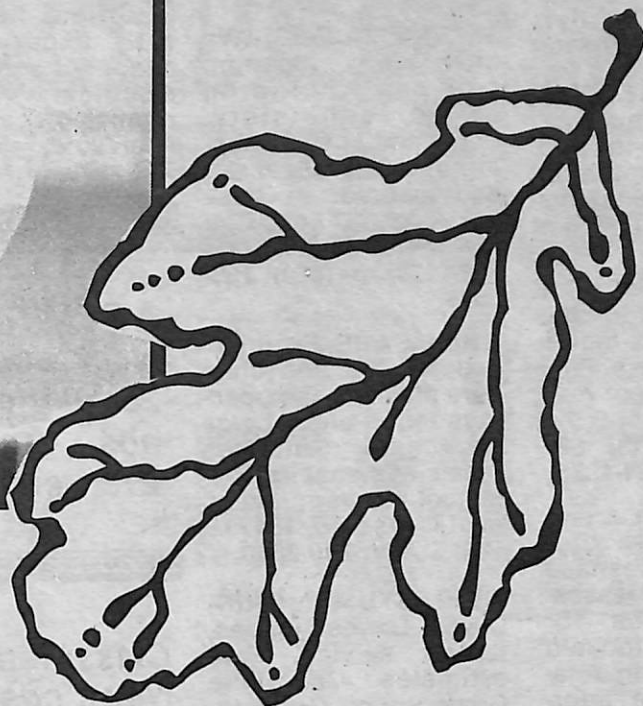
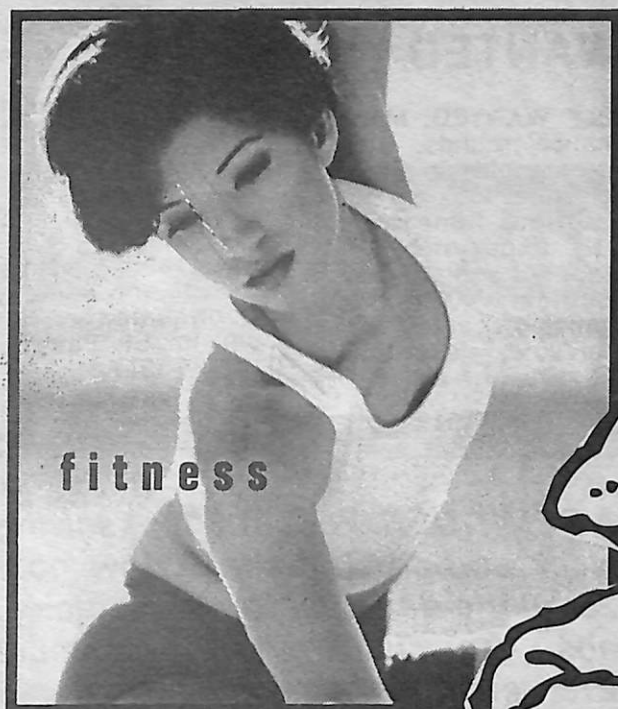
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